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BOMBAY WINS THE FOOD BATTLE

DECONTROL MOVE NOW SHELVED

Unanimous Decision At Ministers' Conference

BOMBAY, WEDNESDAY.

THE TEMPTATION OF FOOD DECONTROL HAS BEEN VALIANTLY CONQUERED. THE IDEA OF DERATIONING IS NOW ON THE SHELF. VILLAGES WILL CONTINUE TO GET THEIR FOODSTUFFS IN THE SAME EQUITABLE, RATIONAL MANNER AS HITHERTO.

This is the result of three days of conferring between the Food Ministers of various States and Mr. Munshi at the Council Hall here. Bombay's case for equality of sacrifice especially for the sake of the deficit States has now been vindicated.

Placing a clear, happily-worded, six-point resolution agreed upon by the Special Committee set up for the purpose, before the full conference of the Food Ministers, Mr. Munshi, without mincing words, stated: "There is no concealing the fact that 1951 is going to be a very, very difficult year."

There was no use repeating that the situation was grave, he said, and added: "We must do the best we can. Our success largely depends upon the spirit of co-operation as well as the energy we bring to bear in making the necessary plans for meeting the situation. We have worked as a syndicate for feeding the people. We have to work with unanimity and energy during the difficult period ahead. Let us meet in December next and let us proclaim to the world that we as a Syndicate justified the trust that is placed in us."

Mr. Munshi said that he was very glad that the deliberations of the Conference were concluded in a spirit of harmony and unanimity. The situation was such that it required very grave and serious consideration and he pleaded that no effort should be spared to face the situation in whatever shape it came during the ensuing year. He thanked every one present for the indulgence shown to him.

THE RESOLUTION

The following is the text of the resolution:

This Conference accepts the following conclusions arrived at by the Sub-Committee:

(1) As a result of natural calamities in all except four States, the food position in the country has been very grave. Apart from internal difficulties, the international situation has been growing difficult, affecting both availabilities and shipping. It is, therefore, imperative to take all possible steps in accordance with a unified policy and direction to meet the critical situation during the year 1951.

(2) The misunderstanding in the country as regards the self-sufficiency pledge should be cleared Ac-

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U. N. Forces Pull Out Of N. Korea

TOKYO, Dec. 13 (PTI-Reuter): Evacuation of the 60,000 United Nations troops from the isolated Hungnam beachhead in north-east Korea continued today under the guns of the Allied fleet.

The 15,000 American Marines and Infantry, British Marine Commandos and South Koreans who had fought their way out from the Chosin Reservoir were among the men moving slowly down to the beaches to be ferried out to the armada of grey transport waiting off shore.

Their destination remained a secret.

No attacking warplanes troubled the orderly embarkation and in contrast to the fierce fighting as the 15,000 merged from "Hell Fire Valley" two days ago pressure had almost died down.

The Chinese were apparently in no hurry to follow up the Chosin Reservoir battle where they had suffered far more heavily than the Allied troops fighting their way out.

United Nations warplanes continued to attack "targets of opportunity" throughout the North today. The Air Force mounted 400 sorties yesterday, claiming more than 1,100 casualties of Communist troops, hitting communication centres and troops concentrations and, according to a communique today "raising havoc within the Communist communication lines".

Another 1,000 Canadian troops, members of the Second Battalion, Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry, arrived at Yokohama today for service in Korea.

U. S. JET SHOT DOWN

TOKYO: An American shooting star jet plane was shot down by small arms fire in North Korea yesterday General MacArthur announced today.

YOKOHAMA: More than a thousand Canadian troops-members of the second battalion Princess Patricias Canadian light infantry—arrived here today for service in Korea.

LONDON: Today's North Korean communique quoted by Moscow radio said: "the American and South Korean armies are continuing their withdrawal southwards under the pressure of the Peoples Army and the Chinese volunteers.

A Better Deal For Railwaymen

NEW DELHI, Dec. 13 (PTI): The Joint Advisory Committee on Railways constituted in May 1949 held its final sitting today when Railway Minister Gopalaswami Ayyengar announced the Government's acceptance of the Committee's recommendations which would give additional benefit to the railway employees to the extent of about Rs. 2 crore per annum.

The Committee was presided over by Mr. Jeejeebhoy and consisted of four representatives of railway labour and four representatives of the Railway Board

3 Killed, 7 Injured In Car Accident

AHMEDABAD, Dec. 13 (PTI): Three persons died and seven were injured, three seriously, when a private motor lorry dashed against a wayside shop this afternoon opposite the Ahmedabad Municipality.

The driver of the lorry it was understood, while taking a turn lost control over steering and the lorry climbed over the foot path and bumped against the shop.

KANPUR, Dec. 13 (PTI): The strike in a local cotton mill involving more than 9,000 workers, ended today with supply to the mill.

Dutch New Guinea Talks Continue

THE HAGUE, Dec. 13 (PTI-Reuter): Delegates from Holland and Indonesia continued their talks here today on the seven-point compromise plan to solve the future status of Dutch New Guinea now under Dutch administration.

No official information was available on the trend of the talks, but it was understood that they centred on finding some sort of a basis to warrant the continuation of the conference.

A communique issued after today's meeting said the talks would continue tomorrow.

The Siege Continues

PATNA, Dec. 13 (PTI): The siege of the residence of the Governor of Biratnagar continued for the fourth day today and the situation there is still more or less stationary, according to Nepali Congress reports received here tonight.

The reports stated that the state troops — whose number is estimated to be about 400 — stationed within the barricaded residence of the Governor were running short of rations.

Blood Donation

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

About one hundred employees of the Government of India's Films Division here today donated blood to the Bombay Blood Bank. The employees, who are at present engaged in producing a "shot" entitled "blood banks", gave between 150 to 250 c c each.

U. K. Export Record

LONDON, Dec. 13 (PTI-Reuter): Britain's export trade broke new records last month reaching a provisional figure of 211,900,000 sterling Mr. Harold Wilson, President of the Board of Trade announced today.

Mr. M. G. Pimputkar, Collector of Ahmedabad district says that "the food situation in the district is not what it was three months ago".

M-AID TO BRITAIN ENDS

LONDON, Dec. 13 (PTI-Reuter) Marshall Aid to Britain will be suspended from January 1, 1951, Chancellor of Exchequer Hugh Gaitskell announced in the House of Commons today.

Mr. Gaitskell said that Britain's economic progress and the strain on American economy through the defence programme were the reasons for the step.

In effect, the announcement means that aid to Britain has come to an end a year and seven months earlier than expected. Originally it was timed to finish in July 1952

No other Marshall Aid country so far has been able to announce it can now do without American assistance.

Dakota Feared Crashed On Nilgiris, 20 Aboard

COIMBATORE, December 13, (P.T.I).

AN Air-India Dakota plane has been missing between Bangalore and Coimbatore with sixteen passengers and a crew of four on board since ten O'clock this morning.

The plane, which was on its scheduled service flight from Madras to Trivandrum, last contacted the Coimbatore aerodrome at 10-8 a.m. asking for bearings. Since then no news is available about the fate of the plane.

All efforts to locate it were foiled by heavy fog and rain which made visibility extremely poor and flying conditions risky in the 8,000-feet-high Nilgiri Ranges lying on the route of the plane.

The aerial search for the plane was suspended this evening as darkness set in. It will be resumed tomorrow morning weather permitting.

The Mysore State Police have alerted all police outposts on the border to send parties in search of the plane.

When the plane last contacted the Coimbatore aerodrome, it was only twelve minutes flying time from its destination, when it should ordinarily have been in the vicinity of the Nilgiri ranges.

RELIEF PLANE SENT

Air service from Trivandrum to Madras this afternoon was cancelled, but a relief Dakota plane flew from Bombay for Trivandrum this afternoon to facilitate resumption of normal service from tomorrow.

The plane which left Madras early this morning had arrived and taken off from Bangalore on time and was due at Coimbatore at about 10-20 a.m.

Two planes, which made a survey of the entire route from Bangalore to Coimbatore, landed at the Peelamedu, Coimbatore airport at about 2-40 and 3-30 p.m. respectively.

It is learnt that out the sixteen passengers on board nine were bound for Trivandrum, five for Cochin and two for Coimbatore. The weather here was cloudy throughout, while in the morning there was a slight drizzle.

LIST OF PASSENGERS

BOMBAY: A list of nine passengers who boarded the missing plane at Madras for destinations beyond Bangalore showed that there were four Britons, Two Americans, one Swiss and two Indians.

The crew of four, including an air hostess, were all Indians.

Following is the list: CREW 1. Captain A. B. Wiseman (pilot).
2. Mr. R. N. Ayre (Co-pilot).
3. Mr. K. A. Shenoy (Radio Officer).
4. Miss Staggs (Air Hostess).

LIST OF PASSENGERS: (From Madras to Trivandrum).
1. Professor Wald (American).
2. Mrs. Wald (American).
3. Mrs. H. Thein (British).
4. Mr. R. A. Krishnna.

(From Madras to Cochin).
5. Mr. R. D. Robey (British).
6. Mrs. Robey (British).
7. Mr. C. G. Marshall (British).
8. Mr. W. F. Saile (Swiss).

Madras to Coimbatore: 9. Mr. Vincent (Indian).

The following seven passengers boarded the missing plane at Bangalore.
1. Brigadier Agaya Singh.
2. P. L. Kapur.
3. K. R. Bhadran.
4. C. P. Harry.
5. K. G. B. Menon.
6. J B. Sud.
7. C. Luke.

All of them are Indians.

CRASH IN CANADA

SYDNEY, Nova Scotia, Dec 13 (PTI-Reuter): All twenty passengers and eleven crew escaped unhurt today when a Swiss airliner struck a pylon in a fog here, bounced into a marsh half a mile beyond and burst into flames. One motor flew 600 yards when the plane came down.

A two-year-old boy laughed as he was taken from the shattered wreck.

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AUCH (South-Western France), Dec. 13: A football match was cancelled here today because the captain of one of the teams swallowed the toss-up coin. Both captains were standing close to the referee when he tossed the coin. It fell into the mouth of M. Dubionac, captain of the Pavie Pacie team. He was rushed to a nearby hospital where the coin was removed after an operation.

60,000 Houses For DPs

DELHI CONFERENCE DECISIONS

NEW DELHI Dec. 13, (PTI): The Rehabilitation Ministers' Conference has decided that nearly 60,000 houses and 11,000 shops would have to be constructed during 1951-52 in the states where displaced persons from West Pakistan are settled.

The 3-day conference which concluded here today accepted the Chairman Mr. Ajit Prasad Jain's suggestion to appoint an expert committee to draw up a scheme aiming at the creation of a liberal machinery for enabling displaced persons in need of capital to raise short-term credit. It was recommended that the committee should comprise representatives of the Central Ministries of Rehabilitation and Finance, the Reserve Bank of India and representatives of banking and industrial interests.

P. M's Fund Nets 13 Lakhs

NEW DELHI, Dec. 13, (PTI): Contributions to the Assam Relief Fund in response to the Prime Minister's appeal for funds for relieff of earthquake victims today total Rs. 12,88,444-11-8, according to an official announcement.

Girls Keep Mum, Boys Cry Aye

LUCKNOW, Dec. 13 (PTI).

The boys chorussed "aye" but the girls remained silent in the Lucknow University today when Bombay's Governor, Raja Maharaj Singh, asked them if they wanted co-education.

Surprised at their apparent lack of enthusiasm for it, the Governor, who was addressing a students' meeting, told the girls that in Bombay the case was different.

When asked about co-education, more than 90 per cent of their sisters there had enthusiastically expressed themselves in favour of it, he said.

NEHRU TAKES OVER HOME PORTFOLIO

(From Our Special Correspondent)

NEW DELHI, Dec. 13.

During the temporary absence of Sardar Patel from the capital the Prime Minister has taken over the Home Portfolio and has allotted the States Portifolio to Transport Minister Gopalaswamy Ayyangar, it is learnt.

In the wake of exchange of letters between the Congress President and Acharya Kripalani, Prime Minister Nehru has had talks with Communications Minister Rafi Ahmed Kidwai, it is learnt from lobby circles. New Delhi feels optimistic that the Prime Minister's efforts may restore solidarity within Congress.

Quiet Returns To Singapore

BERTHA PASSES THRO' CALCUTTA

SINGAPORE, Dec. 13 (PTI-Reuter): Quiet returned to Singapore tonight after two days of rioting over the separation of Bertha Hertogh from her Moslem husband.

A dusk-to-dawn curfew was imposed again as a precaution but the uneasy city had been nearly normal most of the day.

Hospital records tonight showed that the riots killed 15 people and injured 200.

Over one hundred persons were arrested yesterday and today.

Rioters in one Arab street were reported earlier to have been fired on after setting fire to a military vehicle.

Hundreds of Europeans stranded in hotels, clubs and friends' houses started to trickle back home this morning. Car parks deserted yesterday were filling up again.

Mr. Harold Stassen, Republican, former contender for presidential nomination was warned not to leave Singapore airport today because of Moslem rioting along the approaches.

AT CALCUTTA

CALCUTTA: Bertha Hertogh, accompanied by her mother, passed through Calcutta this afternoon on her way to Holland from Singapore.

A K L M constellation, carrying the party, touched down at Dum Dum at 2-20 p.m. and took off for Cairo at 4-30 p.m.

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ON TOP OF A VOLCANO

REPORTS on the developing world emergency received on Wednesday stated:— President Truman is to address the United States people on Friday: he is likely to declare national emergency in that country.

Groundwork for the North Atlantic forces in Europe was completed in London: North Atlantic powers' deputy foreign ministers and their military committee have reached complete agreement on defence measures.

The quantity of tin and other materials available for making cans to pack food, drinks, oil, etc. is to be cut in the U. S. by 25 percent, according to a plan of the National Production Authority.

X-Ray apparatus is being stockpiled by the British Government for war purposes, while hospitals concerned with early diagnosis and treatment of TB are suffering acute shortage.

Marshall Aid is to end in Britain from Jan. 1. "Suspended" is the word officially used. That nation will now have to watch its dollar expenditure even more closely than before: but this will not affect Britain's share in building up the defence of Western Europe.

The U. S. has doubled its January call for conscripts to 80,000 men; the February call will be for another 80,000. This makes the total conscripted since the outbreak of the Korean war a grand 370,000.

Belgian army strength is to be raised from 55,000 to 150,000 next year. A bill for this purpose has been introduced.

Christmas leave for home units in the Norwegian Army will be restricted because of the international situation.

A big speed-up of Italy's rearmament has been approved by its government. Defence expenditure is soon to be doubled.

Britain is preparing to double the purchase from Canada of foodstuffs like bacon, cheese and apples.

The Soviet Union has transferred 23 warships to the Chinese Communist Government for use as "the nucleus of a fleet in South China waters," says a Canton despatch. The ships range from 1,500 to 3,000 tons and were hidden in certain North China ports.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

BY THE DEPUTY CUSTODIAN OF EVACUEE PROPERTY BOMBAY.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that DHIRAJLAL BHURALAL has applied for confirmation of tenancy right in room No. 19, Gangadas Dayabhai Building, Bhavanishankar Road, Dadar, transferred to him by Abdullah Ibrahim on or about September, 1947

The matter is fixed for 3rd January, 1951, at 12-30 noon. Any person having any objection to the above transfer, may appear before me at the Mercantile Bank Building, 4th Floor.

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LEGAL NOTICES

IN THE BOMBAY CITY CIVIL COURT AT BOMBAY.

SUIT No. LL09 of 1950.

HAJI AHMED NOORMOHAMED and another ... Plaintiffs

vs

EBRAHIM ABDUL REHMAN PATEL and another ... ... Defendants.

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You are requested to attend on the said date personally or by an advocate and please note that in default the suit will be heard and decided ex parte.

Dated this 12th day of December, 1950.

SMETHAM BYRNE & LAMBERT.
Plaintiffs' Attorneys.

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NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that SHRI YESHWANT SADASHIV PATIL and SHRI PANDHARINATH YESHWANT PATIL, both of Andheri—Hindu Inhabitants have contracted to sell the undermentioned property to our client.

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PRESERVATION OF BANANAS

Experiments At Poona Laboratory

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

Possibilities of preserving banana by the process of dehydration are being explored by the Government. It has sanctioned a two-year scheme, at an estimated cost of Rs. 5,500, in this connection. The scheme will be worked out at the Food Products Laboratory, Poona, where facilities for biochemical and bacteriological studies are also available.

Banana is one of the important fruit crops of this State, and large quantities of this fruit are exported to other States. There are times, however, when due to inadequate transport facilities, the inter-State banana trade suffers a setback during the peak periods of production.

As a result of this, the cultivators realise much less and the margin of profit is considerably reduced. The area under banana is rapidly increasing every year, and a time might come when in the absence of adequate transport facilities, large quantities of this useful fruit might remain undisposed of.

In order to safeguard against this contingency, it is necessary to explore other methods of disposal of this fruit. Dehydration has been found to be one of the best ways of utilising the surplus bananas and for preventing spoilage of unmarketed fruits even in normal times.

Dehydration of banana offers possibilities for utilizing unmarketed produce and if banana variety or varieties are successfully dried to suit the market requirements, it would be possible to develop internal and external trade. Dehydrated banana of good quality, it is visualised, will have a good demand in foreign markets for use in confectionery trade.

CHARGE OF HAVING FOREIGN LIQUOR

Case Dismissed For Want Of Evidence

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

For want of prima facie evidence to justify the framing of a charge of possessing foreign liquor without a permit, Kooverji Sorabji Nagpurwalla was ordered to be discharged by Mr. Brijlani, Presidency Magistrate, Andheri Police Court, on Tuesday.

Kooverji was arrested in October last, following information received by the police that a country craft containing 363 bottles of foreign liquor had touched the shores of the small fishing village of Versova, and that Kooverji himself had smuggled the consignment from Daman.

The police immediately followed up the cue and raided Kooverji's residence at Vile Parle. Though nothing incriminating was found, Kooverji was enlarged on bail pending further investigations by the police.

HINDI TELEGRAMS: Hindi telegrams will be booked in New Delhi, Lucknow, Agra Allahabad, Kanpur, Banaras and Nagpur from 12 noon to 10 p.m. with effect from January 1 1951, the Director-General, Posts and Telegraphs announced today. These telegrams are booked only from 12 noon to 8 p.m. at present. During the extended booking hours (8 p.m. to 10 p.m.) Hindi telegrams will be accepted in each of these seven offices for the other six offices only.

A. M. Engineer

A.M. Engineer To Visit London

NEW DELHI, December 12: Air Commodore Aspy Merwan Engineer, DFC, Air Officer Commanding, IAF Operational Command, is shortly proceeding to England to attend a course at the Imperial Defence College in London, Air HQ have announced.

The first Indian to fly solo between England and India, at a time when aviation was in its infancy in this country, Air Commodore Aspy Engineer, holds a proud record of service in the Indian Air Force.

Educated at a school in Panchgani, a hill-station near his hometown, Bombay, and later at the D. J. Sind College, Karachi, Aspy proceeded to Cranwell in 1931, to become a Service pilot. At Cranwell he won the Grove's Memorial prize, for the best all-round pilot of the term. Back in India, he joined No. 1 IAF Squadron, then recently formed and composed of just one flight. During his long association with the Squadron, he saw action in Waziristan, receiving mention in despatches more than once and later in 1942, he was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross.

After filling staff appointments at Air HQ, he succeeded Air Vice-Marshal S. Mukerjee (then Wing Commander) in 1945 as Station Commander, Kohat. During, and for some time after partition, he held the post of Air Officer in-charge Administration at Air HQ.

In October 1948, he took over the command of the IAF Operational Command. His thorough planning of air operations contributed a great deal towards the success in such major actions as the Poonch link-up and the Zoji-La break-through in Kashmir.

Group Captain Arjun Singh, D. F. C., has been granted the rank of Air Commodore and appointed Air Officer Commanding, I. A. F. Operation Command. He takes over from Air Commodore A. M. Engineer, D. F. C., who is shortly proceeding to England to attend a course at the Imperial Defence College, Air HQ have announced.

Baroda Concessions For Backward Communities

The Government of Bombay has directed that such members of the "Nayaks" and "Bhojaks" communities as were in receipt of educational concessions from the Government of Baroda at the time of the merger of that State into the Bombay State, should continue to receive them till they complete the course of study—primary, secondary, collegiate or technical, as the case may be—they were undergoing on the date of merger. This is in view of the fact that these two communities are synonymous with the 'Targala" community, which was classified as Backward by the former Baroda Government.

Sardar Is Better Now

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

IN SPITE of a long and exhausting journey which even normally tired him out, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel is already the better for a change from the cold of Delhi to the pleasant mildness of Bombay weather.

The Deputy Prime Minister had a fairly restful night and was feeling generally better today. People had expected that in the present state of health he would be moved in a stretcher and ambulance but, sure of his own strength and determination, Sardar Patel declared to his staff that he would walk up to his chair in the plane as well as at Birla House on his arrival there.

Dr. Nathubhai Patel, who travelled in the pressurised cabin of the I.A.F. plane to Bombay, said he was pleased at the way the Sardar had stood the journey.

Inquiries here showed today that Sardar Patel is brighter and more restful. It is hoped that he would make a much quicker progress in the more favourable conditions in Bombay.

Sardar Patel's mind according to his close associates, is as full of the country's problems as ever before and he tries to keep himself uptodate even while on sickbed. He has his usual study of newspapers and his curiosity to know all about important affairs is as insatiable as ever.

Sri Aurobindo's Ashram

PONDICHERRY, Dec. 13 (PTI).—For the first time after Sri Aurobindo's death the 'Mother' received the ashram inmates and more than 300 devotees from all over the country at a special ceremony last night.

The ceremony took place on the first floor of the meditation room of the main ashram building in which Sri Aurobindo had spent 24 years.

The inmates and the devotees marched past the Mother one by one receiving from her an artistically decorated multicoloured envelope containing the picture of Sri Aurobindo in Mahasamadhi and a prayer scroll.

FROM INDIA TO PAKISTAN

More Goods Sent

LAHORE, Dec. 13, (PTI).

While rail borne traffic from Pakistan to India during November, 1950 registered a further decrease over the previous month, traffic from India to Pakistain showed an improvement, says a press note issued by the North Western Railway here yesterday.

The North Western Railway despatched 465 wagon loads and received 402. The figures for October were 1,000 and 199 respectively.

The principal commodities despatched during the month from Pakistan included 336 wagons of fruits, dry and fresh and 15 wagons of cotton seed.

Those received from India were 125 wagons of timber 24 wagons tea and six of cigarettes.

SENTENCE ON REDS OF HYDERABAD

Protest From Italy

ROME, Dec 13, (PTI-Reuter).

Italy's Communist-led General Labour Confederation yesterday telegraphed the President of the Indian Republic and the Indian Ambassador in Rome protesting "in the name of 5,000,000 Italian organised workers" against the rejection by the Indian Supreme Court of the appeal of 17 Hyderabadis against sentence of death passed on them.

The Confederation demanded annulment of the sentences and liberation of the 17 men claiming that they had been convicted "solely for having fought against feudal exploitation and for more humane conditions of life" General.

Nehru Can Reconcile Conflicting Powers

MR. PRITT TELLS BOMBAY JOURNALISTS

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

IN sharp and precise words, punctuated by a dash of sparkling humour, Mr. D. N. Pritt, K. C. former British M.P. replied to a barrage of questions which reporters fired at him this afternoon at the Bombay Union of Journalists. Mr. R. K. Karanjia presided.

Mr. Pritt said that the primary purpose of his visit to India was to represent the case of the dozen Telangana Communists condemned to hanging, before the Hyderabad High Court.

Q:—Do you think they are innocent?

A:—I do not know whether they are guilty or innocent. Clients would hardly take their consel in confidence, if they were guilty. But, I knew that they did not get a fair trial, and the procedure was improper.

Q:—How long will it take, in your opinion for communism to come to India?

A.—Having been here for such a short while, I cannot say. But the persons I have talked to here give anything from nine months to five years.

Q:—You have been in England much longer. How long will it take for communism to invade England?

A:—Longer in England than in India.

To a question whether England was ready for another war, he said, "Why not, they have a pretty good airforce, a pretty good navy and some good troops. As for their being half bankrupt, when has that stopped any nation from going to war".

DELIBERATE LIE

When a reporter asked Mr. Pritt whether there was forced labour in Soviet prison camps, he said that this was "a deliberate, filthy lie, set into circulation by some paranoics and a few reputable American journals". Prisoners did labour in Soviet prisons, but they got paid for it. "I would rather have ten years of such forced labour than one year in a prison in your country or mine", he added.

He also insisted that there was more Freedom of Press in Russia than anywhere else in the world. Policies elsewhere were dictated by a handful of capitalists while in Russia, it was either the Party or the State interests that were protected. The freedom of speech and platform were also higher in Russia.

Regarding the working classes in England, Mr. Pritt said that those "who vaguely wanted Socialism, vaguely thought that they had vaguely got it", under the Labour Government, though the Labour Government had done nothing for the people during the last five years, beyond some relief in income-tax and death duties.

There was practically no important blackmarket in England in essential commodities, and what little there was, had to recken with the people and the authorities. In higher circles there was a certain amount of income-tax evasion, by semi-legal methods.

Mr. Pritt said that there was an almost unanimous opinion among the people he had met and talked with in India that the present Governments "were no good".

It was his view that a Third War was farther off than ever and ever since the Korean debacle, the Anglo-American camp was more ready to sit and talk peace with the Soviet representatives. America had recognised that wars could not be won by bombs and bluster.

Mr. Nehru — "India's hundreds of millions really" — had a big part potentially in bringing about world peace. The Prime Minister of India, could very will be the person who could bring about a major reconciliation between the Great Conflicting Powers.

Backward Class Hostels In Sarvodaya Areas

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

Orders specifying the extent of grant-in-aid payable to Backward Class hostels opened by voluntary agencies in the areas selected for the execution of the Sarvodaya Scheme, have been passed by the Government of Bombay. According to these orders, during the first year of the opening of such hostels, they will be paid grant-in-aid from the Sarvodaya Fund, provided they fulfil all the conditions prescribed by the Backward Class Officer.

During the second year of their existence, if such hostels secure recognition from the Backward Class Department, they will be paid an advance grant in the beginning of the second year limited to one-half of the grant received in the previous year from the Sarvodaya funds, subject to adjustment in the final grant payable for the second year, and on the condition that the management signs an agreement to refund the amount of advance grant if the hostel is closed or the recognition of the hostel is withdrawn before the end of the financial year. In the third and subsequent years, advance grants will be payable to such hostels under rule 10 of the rules for the recognition of and payment of grant-in-aid to Backward Class Hostels run by voluntary agencies in the State of Bombay.

Adult And Social Education

(From Our Correspondent)

JUBBULPORE, Dec. 12: The Madhya Pradesh Education Minister Mr. Dwarka Prasad Mishra is arriving in Jubbulpore on December 15 to inaugurate the first national seminar on adult and social education which will last until December 26 when Professor Humayun Kabir will deliver the closing address.

TRAM TRANSFER TICKETS TO GO

More Direct Routes By January

BOMBAY, Wednesday: Budget Estimates 'C', pertaining to the B.E.S.T., for the year 1951-'52 were today approved by the Standing Committee of the Bombay Municipal Corporation. The Chairman was asked to forward the estimates to the Corporation with his report for its consideration and approval.

Mr. J. P. L. Shenoy in his speech on the budget, said that transfer tickets on trams would be abolished by January 2, next year by which date the speed of the trams would be increased and more direct routes started.

With regard to criticism about the delay in abolishing the ticket-issuing machines on buses, Mr. Shenoy said that before this could be done, it would be necessary to build up a large reserve of tickets as nearly half a million tickets were issued daily and the printers were not able to keep up with the high number of tickets used daily.

ELECTRIC CHARGES LOW

Referring to loans for capital expenditure, the General Manager of the B.E.S.T. said that the B.E.S.T. Committee proposed to confine itself to loans from internal funds so that it did not have to resort to the open market where a high rate of interest would be charged.

As far as reduction in electric charges was concerned, Mr. Shenoy stated that electric lighting was already cheaper than kerosene lamps, and a reduction was not possible just yet.

At the conclusion of the budget discussions and prior to the commencement of the Ordinary meeting, Mr. K. S. Dharia moved for an adjournment of the Committee as a protest against the use of the Municipal Propaganda vans by a member of the Corporation and the Standing Committee elected from the Khetwadi Constituency for purposes of personal propaganda.

The motion when put to the vote was rejected.

Relief To Train Travellers From Suburbs

Travellers by the overcrowded suburban railway services in Bombay can hope for definite relief within the next three to four months, the Bombay Chronicle understands from a reliable source.

The first complete rake of eight bogies, ordered from the United States, it is understood is already on the way and must reach the city in the first week of the new year.

More will follow in succeeding weeks and it is understood that by April a total of 400 bogies comprising 25 complete rakes will be available to the two railway systems.

This should enable the railways to augment the number of services, increase the frequency and thus help greatly in relieving the congestion on the suburban railway system.

BRIGHT FUTURE FOR INDIAN SHIPPING

Government Policy Commended

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

Given active encouragement and support, Indian shipping will not fail to fulfil the expectations that are held of it, observed Mr. Tulsidas Kilachand, Chairman, at the 45th annual general meeting of the Bombay Steam Navigation Company Limited, Bombay, held this evening at Scindia House.

Thanking Government for its bold and practical shipping policy, especially in the matter of reservation of coastal trade for Indian shipping, he stated that the company, as an important unit of national shipping, was actively considering steps to provide efficient and economic services in the transportation of both cargo and passengers.

Mr. Kilachand observed that the directors had decided on the merger of the Bombay Steam, Indian Co-operative and the Ratnagar Steam Navigation Companies to achieve the fullest benefits attendant on the fusion of interests serving the same trade by common services.

Mr. M. J. Buch read the Chairman's speech as Mr. Kilachand could not attend. The meeting which was presided over by Mr. Shantikumar N. Morarjee adopted the annual report and the audited statements of accounts.

EVACUEE PROPERTY IN HYDERABAD

SECUNDERABAD, Dec. 13, (UPI): The Government of Hyderabad have today asked all those who are in possession, or management of any evacuee property or property which they know or have reason to believe to be evacuee property to submit to the Custodian of Evacuee Property full information relating to such property, including the date since which, or the period for which he has been in possession, supervision or management thereof.

BARTER AGREEMENT WITH PAKISTAN ESSENTIAL

Plea For Reasonable Stand Regarding Jute Position

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

INTERVIEWED about the statement made by the Finance Minister, Mr. C. D. Deshmukh in the Parliament as well as before the Associated Chambers of Commerce, regarding the desirability of entering into an agreement with Pakistan for the supply of raw jute, even if the settlement regarding the fixation of par value of the Pakistan rupee is delayed, Professor C. N. Vakil made the following statement:—

"The Indian jute mills require about 6 million bales of raw jute to be able to work to full capacity. The maximum amount of raw jute that can be obtained within India herself is 3.5 million bales on the assumption that no exports take place. We have also to remember that Indian mills require special vareties of raw jute which is grown only in Pakistan. Taking all this into account, it is estimated that India has to depend upon Pakistan to the extent of nearly 4 million bales, if the mills are to work to full capacity. The production of Indian jute mills in 1949 amounted to about 80,000 tons as compared with 107,000 tons in 1938, thus showing the extent to which productive capacity remains idle under the present circumstances.

CAUSES FOR HIGH PRICES

"The prevailing high prices of jute manufactures are due to the causes, viz., shortage of jute goods as well as uncertainty of supplies. In consequence, there has arisen a wide disparty between the internal and external price levels of jute manufactures. There is also considerable speculation in burlap trading in the U.S.A., which is next only to horse racing. There was a tendency in some countries for cotton and paper bags to be substituted in place of jute goods. But after devaluation, the prices of cotton, pulp and paper have gone up considerably. The demand for jute goods has therefore become strong leading to higher prices for them, particularly after the Korean war.

SUBSTITUTES LIKELY

"The above experience, however, indicates that in the long run high prices of jute goods are disadvantageous as they may lead to substitutes. In the same manner, the non-availability of jute goods in adequate quantities and the uncertainty of getting regular supplies may also prove fatal to the jute export trade.

"The jute industry of India is the most important dollar earning industry. Our ability to import large quantities of food and other commodities from dollar areas depends on our ability to maintain the jute export trade at a high level. Steps should, therefore be taken by us to see that the leading position of jute manufactures as packing material does not suffer. In this respect, the interests of Pakistan are closely tied up with those of ours. We have the largest number of jute looms in the world viz., 57 per cent. and we are the largest exporter of jute manufactures, more than 80 per cent.

MAXIMUM PURCHASES

"The maximum amount of raw jute which the European countries bought from undivided India in any given years was 3.3 million bales in 1938. This is not likely to be reached now. It is obvious that until such time as Pakistan is able to remove the prevailing difficulties regarding export of raw jute to other countries and/or is able to manufacture jute goods, it will be disastrous for her to make it difficult to sell raw jute to India. In the same manner it would be unwise for India not to enter into a suitable agreement with Pakistan on this account till the currency deadlock is solved.

"If the jute position in the world is not to be allowed to become precarious, both countries in their mutual interests should take a reasonable attitude. India should be willing to take as much raw jute as possible from Pakistan at reasonable prices so long as there is a margin of profit; this will also have a favourable effect on the prices of Indian raw jute.

"It cannot be denied that it will take some years before India can be self-sufficient in raw jute and Pakistan can utilise her raw jute in her own industries. If the mutual interests of both the countries in this case bring about a barter agreement, it will have a healthy influence on the general trade relations as well as political relations between the two countries."

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MAKING A MAN FIT FOR LIFE IN GENERAL

Mr. Kher On Aim Of Education

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

CHIEF MINISTER B. G. Kher said here today that the aim of true education was to develop the inner strength and virtues of the individual, so as to make him fit for life in general. Mr. Kher who was inaugurating the Social Education Centre of Corn Products, Limited, added that education for the sake of education was of no avail.

The minister expressed appreciation for the arrangements made by the management of the Company for imparting education to their workers during working hours. He hoped other firms and factories would follow in their footsteps. If they did so, he was quite confident, the whole of the industrial labour in the city would be literate within five years.

Mr. Kher stressed that illiteracy had to be liquidated if democracy had to function smoothly. He recalled how the beginning of these literacy classes was made ten years ago at a meeting of the representatives of all parties called by him. He had then proposed to put the question of "literacy drive" on a war basis, and was now satisfied to find that within a decade the drive had made splendid progress.

FINANCIAL PROBLEM

The Chief Minister observed that the task of educating millions of the State population was a stupendous one and was frought with serious difficulties. The main difficulty was financial. Even if only five rupees were to be spent per individual, a huge sum would be required for educating the entire population. It was impossible for the government to bear the whole burden. He therefore appealed to the local self-governing bodies, the prominent industrialists and the public-spirited men and women to co-operate with government in finding solution of this problem, on which depended the future of the country.

Mr. Kher further expressed the opinion that merely teaching, reading and writing to the adult was not enough. If they stopped only at that, he was apt to lapse into illiteracy. To prevent such a catastrophe, it was necessary to continue their literacy through post-literacy classes.

The Chief Minister also gave away the prizes and certificates to the successful candidates of the previous Adult Education Classes.

Mr. P. H. Brown, Managing Director of the Company welcomed Mr Kher. Mr. Champaklal Mody, Chairman of the Bombay City Social Education Committee was also among those present.

CIVIL LIBERTIES CONFERENCE

N. M. Joshi Explains Aims And Objects

BOMBAY, Wednesday: The third Bombay State Civil Liberties Conference will be held on December 16 and 17 at the Blavatsky Hall.

Explaining the aims and objects of the Conference which will be presided over by Mr. S. G. Vaze, the General Secretary of All-India Civil Liberties Council, Mr. N. M. Joshi, the veteran labour leader at a press conference held today said that in view of the proximity of the General Elections the issue of the liberties of the individual had again come to the forefront.

"The General Elections to be really free and fair must be held under an atmosphere of freedom from any repressive acts." Mr. Joshi added that as the situation in the country was peaceful the Conference would insist that the Preventive Detention Act should not be re-enacted and the Bombay Public Security Act should be repealed. He also appealed to the Government to lift ban on meetings and processions, withdraw "repressive orders" detaining persons without trial and "even withdrawing warrants on the underground allowing the Communists to function legally and fight elections."

Mr. M. N. Roy who is arriving in Bombay on December 15 is expected to attend the Conference in a fraternal capacity and address the delegates on the first day.

Quinine Ampoules

The Government of Bombay has fixed the selling price of the 20,000 boxes of quinine ampoules received from the Government Medical Stores, Calcutta, at Rs. 1-7-0 per box.

"The Up Additional Poona Express at present arriving V.T. at 17-55 hours will be arriving at 18-25 hours from December 14", states a notification issued by the G.I.P. Railway.

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THURSDAY, Dec. 14

B.B.C. NEWS

METRE BANDS:—7-30 a.m. — 25, 31 and 41; 9-30 — 19 and 25 11-30 — 13 and 19, 12-30 p.m. — 13 and 19; 4-30 — 13 and 16; 6-30 13 and 19, 9-30 — 13, 16 and 25.

AIR NEWS FROM DELHI

English 08-00, 13-30, 18-00, 21-00; Hindi 08-15, 13-40, 18-10, 21-15; Urdu 09-00 Punjabi 08-30, 20-15, Bengali 07-30, 12-50, 19-30, Tamil 07-15, 14-00, 19-15, Telugu 07-00, 13-50, 19-00, Kannada 07-45, 19-45, Malayalam 07-30, 19-30 Marathi 08-30, 12-50, 20-00. Gujarati 08-45, 18-00, 20-15.

BOMBAY

244 m., 07-30 Subhashita, 07-35 Mangal smaran, 07-40 Prog. 07-45 Hindi lessons, G, 08-15 B Joshi, jogia, 13-10 Garbi geets, 13-40 Dance music, 16-20 School broadcast, 15-30 For children, E, 18-10 S Parab, dilruba, 18-30 B Joshi, eman kalyan, 19-00 P. Upadhyay, G songs, 19-10 Locals, 19-20 P Upadhyay, G songs, 19-30 Leela Kelkar gorakh kalayan, 19-45 For industrial workers, 20-30 S Tryambakram, G talk "jara jaraman joe josh", 20-45 Jayanti Patel's G roopak 'goolab and mogro", 21-15 P Updadhyay, G songs, 21-30 D Roberts, bass, 21-45 A C Pereira, sportsfolio, 22-00 Shanti Seldon, piano.

VARIATIONS:—353 m., 08-00 S Parab, dilruba, 08-45 S Golatkar and party, abhang and gualan, 12-45 Tantrakari, 13-00 For women, G, 13-50 Bhavgeets, 17-30 V B Tembe, vocal, 13-00 For Women, G, 13-50 Bhavgeets, 17-30 V B Tembe, vocal, 17-45 K songs 18-00 Air artist, bhavgeet, 18-20 For villages in M, and at 18-50 in K, 19-30 Commercial news, 20-15 Hindi lessons, M, 20-30 P V Gadgil's M talk, 20-45 N Tiwari, poetry recitation, 21-00 G M Londhe, 21-30 Film songs, 22-00 B Joshi, darbari kannada.

BARODA

250 m., 07-55 Pratahsmaran, 08-15 Bhajanamrit, 08-30 P Shinde, ramkali, 18-20 S R Porbunderwala, dilruba, 18-30 For rural listeners, 19-00 Hindi lessons, 19-15 As in Ahmedabad, 19-30 S R Porbunderwala, dilruba, 19-45 M L Upadhyay, bhajans, 20-00 K L Saigal, 20-10 Locals, 20-30 G geets, 21-15 M L Upadhyay, bhajans, 21-30 Pinakin Thakore, G feature 'darshan trayi".

AHMEDABAD

326.1 m.,—07-55 Pratahsmaran, 08-15 J Desai, G geets, 08-30 Deep, 18-20 As in Baroda, 18-30 M Badshah, cl vocal 18-45 Mangal fera, 19-00 Hindi lessons, 19-15 G talk on Saurashtra, 19-30 For industrial workers, 20-00 Locals, 20-05 Morlo, 20-30 M Badshah, cl. vocal. 20-45 J Desai, G geets, 21-15 M Badshah cl. vocal, 21-30 As in Baroda.

PROF. SIEGFRIED

BOMBAY, Wednesday

Prof. Andre Siegried, noted French Economist who arrived in the city yesterday called on the Chief Minister Mr. B. G. Kher at the civil secretariat today.

Mr. Kher introduced Prof. Siegfried who was accompanied by Mon. M.P. Royere, Consul for France in Bombay to the other Ministers of the cabinet

CITY & SUBURBS

TODAY

Hindu: Magsar Shud 6, 2007
Muslim: Rabi-ul-Avval 4, 1370
Parsi: Tir 13, 1320
Sunrise 7-3 a.m., Sunset 6-4 p.m.
Hightide 03-36, 15-44 Lowtide 10-04, 21-28.

Today's Engagements

IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE: Meeting at 3-15 p.m.

THE P.E.N.: In celebration of Universal Declaration of Human Rights Day, UNESCO filmstrip on Human Rights will be shown to the public, Institute of Science Mayo Road, 6-15 p.m.

VIGILANCE ASSOCIATION: Annual meeting at Committee Room, Secretariat 6 p.m.

C.V.O.D. JAIN HIGH SCHOOL and five other allies schools will observe Physical Education Day.

ROYAL ASIATIC SOCIETY: Exhibition of rare and illustrated books from the collection of the Society as also the works on and by Telang, as part of Justice K. T. Telang centenary celebrations Town Hall, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

SHERIFF'S PUBLIC MEETING: To mourn death of Dr. Sir Mathuradas Vissanji, Town Hall, 6 p.m. Sir Cowasji Jehangir will preside and Messers. S. K. Patil, C. H. Bhabha and A. L. Hutson will speak.

MAHARASHTRA HIGH SCHOOL: Mr. Malhojirao Naik-Nimbalkar, Minister for Labour and Industries will visit the Society's School at Lower Parel at 9 a.m.

BHARATIYA VIDYA BHAWAN: Inter-Collegiate Sanskrit Elocution Competition on "Sanskrit can be made the National Language" at 5-30 p.m. at Bhawan's premises. Also lecture on Gita in Marathi by Shri G. V. Joshi, at 4 p.m.

Y.M.C.A. BRAIN'S TRUST: Wodehouse Road at 6-30 p.m. Panel Dr. S. G. Panandikar (Q.M.) D., Mrs. R M Captain Dr. K R Masani, Prof. D M Kennedy and Mr. E S Tew.

WOOD AND FURNITURE WORKERS' UNION: General body meeting of employees of Grand Wood Works and Saw Mills at 12-30 p.m. at Ghorupdeo.

BOMBAY YARN EXCHANGE: 13th Annual general meeting at Hanuman Building Tambakanta, 4 p.m.

Domestic Occurrence

Sheriff's Public Meeting to mourn the death of Sir Mathuradas Vissanji at the Town Hall at 6 p.m. (S. T.) Today.

Show At Regal

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

A grand variety entertainment programme entitled "Star Spangled Variety Show" is organised for Sunday next in aid of the Society for the Rehabilitation of the Crippled Children Mr. M. C. Chagla, Chief Justice of Bombay, will be present on the occasion.

Mr. Sorab Modi, noted film producer will appear in two dramatic sequences, one of which is a scene in Hindi from Shakespeare's "Hamlet" and another, a scene from "Prithviraj Chouhan". He will be supported by Sayid Jan, Rani Premlata, Sadat, Amarnath and others. There are also several interesting and amusing dramatic interludes on the schedule. A humorous skit will also be presented by Pushpa Hans, Rama Johar, I S. Lohar, Zarin Bharucha, Minnie Driver and others.

The dance items of the programme will be presented by Vajifdar Sisters, Gita Roy and others.

The Pulse Of The City

CHEATING: Caziano Hihalao Bernard Dominic pereira alias Anthony C. Fernandez was convicted on two charges of cheating and sentenced to 18 months' rigorous imprisonment and a fine of Rs. 200, in default a further three months in jail, by Mr. M. J. Gordhandas, Presidency Magistrate at the Esplanade Police Court on Wednesday. The two charges on which he was convicted were that he represented himself as an agent of National General Stores, a city firm and issued a bogus cheque in the name of that firm, for Rs. 307-11. There were 19 other charges against him:

His 'modus operandi' was to write to drug stores on bogus letter heads printed in the name of several city firms, order stocks of medicine, ring up and confirm the orders, send a coolie with a cheque who would pay the cheque and fetch the medicines ordered to a place fixed by the accused. The cheque would be found to be bogus and would be returned. The goods acquired in this way was later sold. The accused had an account in his own name in the Lakshmi Bank and it was this which led to his final identification and arrest.

FATAL QUARREL OVER WOMAN: A dispute between two men over a married wiman led to the death of the husband at Nagpada on Tuesday. It appears that the wife left her husband about five months ago and went away with one Sheikh Babu Sheikh Munna to his native place. A month back she had a quarrel with her paramour and was persuaded by her mother to return to her husband in Bombay which she did. Sheikh Babu followed her and went to her residence at Nagpada on Tuesday. There was an altercation between him and the husband in the course of which he is alleged to have whipped out a knife and stabbed both the woman and her husband. The two were removed to hospital where the husband succumbed to his injuries, the woman is recovering. Sheikh Babu has been arrested.

SMUGGLERS FOILED: Twelve kerosene drums filled with illicit liquor were seized by the Prohibiton Police from a boat after chasing it nearly two and a half miles out at sea from Mahim Causeway on Wednesday morning. The police were lying in wait for the alleged smugglers having got wind of their plan. As the boat carrying the liquor approached the shore the alleged smugglers scented trouble and turned the boat seaward. The police gave chase in a launch which was kept ready for the purpose and caught the alleged smugglers. Lawrence Babu Koli and two others were taken into custody. The police also seized 48 gallons of liquor valued at Rs. 2,400 from the boat.

HEAD CONSTABLE STABBED: A Head Constable attached to the Maharbouri Police Station was stabbed by a thief whom he attempted to apprehend. It is reported that at about 11 last night the thief was being chased by a crowd along Sandhurst Road. The constable hearing shouts of 'thief, thief' ran towards the escaping man, who drew out a knife and stabbed him. The constable was removed to the J. J. Hospital for treatment. The thief managed to make good his escape.

DISCHARGED: For want of prima facie evidence to justify the framing of a charge of possessing foreign liquor without a permit, Kooverji Sorabji Nagpurwalla was ordered to be discharged by Mr. Brijlani, Presidency Magistrate, Andheri Police Court, on Tuesday. Kooverji was arrested in October last, following information received by the police that a country craft containing 363 bottles of foreign liquor had touched the shores of the small fishing village Versova, and that Kooverji himself had smuggled the consignment from Daman. The police raided Kooverji's residence at Vile Parle but nothing incriminating was found and he was enlarged on bail pending further investigations.

ALAN P. GOOD

BRITISH MAGNATE VISITS INDIA

Plans To Promote Industrialisation

Mr. Alan P. Good, one of the foremost industrialists in Great Britain, is on a visit to this country. Mr. Good is the head of Brush-Associated British Oil Engines, Britain's largest manufacturers of diesel engines, and he has come to India to see how the products he makes can best help the development of India's agriculture, irrigation and power engineering projects.

After a short spell of law, Mr. Good became associated with Messrs. Petters Ltd., well-known in the diesel field, and since that time has succeeded in expanding his interests to cover the whole field of industrial machinery, for, among other things, the companies with which he is connected manufacture or market electrical equipment — generators, transformers, and switch gear—diesel locomotives and heavy machinery, automatic machine tools, and heavy presses, field equipment, both for oil and water, and other machinery for the working of flour and rice.

Mr. Good is particularly interested in the use to which his equipment can be put to bring electricity to the remoter villages of India, and how they can be tied up with the various Hydro-Electric schemes that are already in operation. He will be addressing Engineering Conventions that are being held in Calcutta on the 11th December and in Madras in the 19th and 20th, as well as one which will be held in Bombay in January.

These conventions are being hed to enable the Group's officials to discuss with Government representatives the problems of machinery and irrigation that confront the country and how the products of the Group can best be utilised to solve them. At these conventions, the various types of equipment will also be on view, and will afford an opportunity to consumers to get acquainted with the types most suited to their needs.

MIGRANT'S PLEA REJECTED

(Before the Hon'ble Mr. Justice Tendolkar)

Miyan Amir Badshah Haji Shah ..... Petitioner.

vs.

1. The State of Bombay, 2. The Deputy Commissioner, C.I.D., Bombay ..... Respondents.

The petitioner went from India and Pakistan in November 1948 on a temporary permit obtained from the Permit Officer of Pakistan in Bombay. A permit to return permanently to India was refused to him by the Hign Commissioner for India at Karachi, but he was ultimately granted a temporary permit to go to India. In November 1949 he returned to India and then applied to the Government of Bombay to cancel the temporary permit and to allow him to stay permanently in India which was refused and the petitioner was warned that if he overstayed he would be removed bodily from India under section 7 of the Influx from Pakistan (Control) Act 1949. The petitioner thereupon filed the present petition contending that the said section was void as being a violation of his fundamental right as a citizen of India of freedom of movement under Article 19 of the Constitution.

ARTICLE 19

His Lordship held that a person must not be lightly held to have migrated from India and that the petitioner continued to be a citizen of India. Following the decision of the Supreme Court in Gopalan's case, his lordship held that Article 19 was applicable only in respect of legislation which directly dealt with the rights it conferred, and did not apply to any punitive or preventive legislation the indirect consequence of which was the curtailment of the freedoms conferred by that Article. The petitioner having contravened the provisions of the permit by over-staying, he was liable to the penalty provided by section 7 and there was no obligation on the second respondent not to take action under it. His lordship therefore dismissed the petition with costs.

Mr. A. A. Peerbhoy with Mr. Z. Bootwala and Mr. M. B. Rao instructed by Messrs. Manohar and Co. appeared for the petitioner.

Mr. K. T. Desai instructed by Messrs. Little and Co. appeared for the respondents.

LOSS: The Madras Government would lose annually about rupees two crores by the removal of Sales Tax on exports outside the Madras State, Mr. B. Gopala Reddi, Finance Minister, said in the Assembly on Wednesday.

Widespread Rain In South

ALL-INDIA WEATHER

POONA, Dec. 13 (PTI): The following is the daily all-India weather summary for Wednesday, 13 December, 1950:-

The north-east monsoon has strengthened in the southern half of the peninsula. Rainfall has been widespread in Tamilnad and Travancore-Cochin and has occurred locally in south Mysore. A few falls have also been reported from the south Coromandel Coast.

Night temperatures have appreciably risen in the southern half of the peninsula. They continued to be appreciably below normal in Deccan (Desh), Orissa, Bihar and in and around Rajasthan.

FORECAST VALID UNTIL THURSDAY EVENING: Rainfall will be widespread in Tamilnad, Travancore-Cochin, Malabar-South Kanara and Mysore. A few falls of rain may also occur in Rayalseema, the extreme south of the Konkan and south Deccan (Desh).

Night temperatures will rise in Deccan (Desh), south Hyderabad and the south Konkan and fall along the Gangetic plain.

HEAVY RAINFALL WARNING: Locally heavy rain is likely in South Tamilnad and Travancore-Cochin during the next 36 hours.

Following is the daily weather chart showing the maximum and minimum temperatures and rainfall in inches during the past 24 hours, with total rainfall from October 1 1950 and departure from normal recorded at 08-30 hours IST on December 13 1950:-

Ahmednagar 87 49 0 1.6 minus 2.9 Allahabad 79 47 0 0 minus 0.8 Ambala 74 43 0 0 minus 0.2 Baroda 87 51 0 0 minus 2.6 Bhavnagar 84 51 0 0 minus 0.2 Bhopal 83 52 0 0.1— BOMBAY 89 67 0 1.4 minus 0.6 Calcutta 79 53 0 15.6 plus 10.4 Cherrapunji 59 43 0 19.8 minus 2.4 Cochin 87 76—12.6 minus 2.0 Cuttack 80 56 0 11.2 plus 4.5 Darjiling 50 36 0 2.8 minus 3.6 Delhi 73 43 0 0 minus 0.7 Gwalior 78 50 0 0.1— Hyderabad (DN) 83 52 0 2.1 minus 1.6 Indore 82 48 0 0.1 minus 1.9 Jaipur 75 40 0 0 minus 0.7 Jamnagar —50 0 —Kakinada 79 64 0 17.8 plus 3.2 Kolhapur 84 54 0 7.8— Lahore 72 36 0 0 minus 0.4 Lucknow 79 47 0 0.1 minus 1.4 Madras 81 72 0.1 11.7 minus 17.1 Mussoorie 55 39 0 0 minus 1.7 Mysore 78 61 T 7.5 minus 1.4 Nagpur 83 51 0 0.5 minus 2.6 Ootacamund 69 51 0.8 12.6 minus 2.8 Pachmarhi 76 43 0 0.2 minus 2.8 Patiala 75 43 0 0— Patna 77 50 0 0 minus 1.7 Poona 87 47 0 2.8 minus 1.8 Rajkot 84 50 0 0 minus 9.8 Ranchi —50 0 1.3 minus 2.5 Shillong 58 38 0 10.5 plus 2.2 Simla 52 38 0 0.3 minus 1.8 Udaipur 76 42 0 0 minus 9.8

Quake Shock

GAUHATI: An earthquake tremor of moderate intensity was felt at Gauhati this morning at about 6-45, lasting a few seconds.

ELECTRICAL GOODS PRICES SOAR

Plea For Liberalising Control

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

Mr. Y. A. Fazalbhoy, President of the Electrical Contractors' Association, Bombay, today called for a liberalisation of imports and price control of electrical goods, especially cable wires, whose prices have sky-rocketted recently.

The restricted and hesitant import licensing policy of Government and the absence of control on price and distribution has created unhealthy trading tendencies to the great detriment of the electrical contractors, he added.

Mr. Fazalbhoy, who was addressing local pressmen in Bombay at the Taj Mahal Hotel this afternoon, said that since November last, the price of rubber-covered cables has shot up by over 62 per cent. He said that the Cables Manufacturers' Association, comprising of about 17 U.K. firms, virtually enjoyed a monopoly in this trade in India, as Government and other bodies have accepted C.M.A. products as standard material.

He stated that goods of the same standard were available from non-C.M.A. concerns in the United Kingdom at more favourable prices. This sudden shooting up of prices, he observed would throw out of gear the execution of contracts in progress, as contractors were incurring unexpected losses.

The representatives of the Association are meeting Mr. Hare Krushna Mahatab, India's Minister for Industries and Supplies, shortly to ventilate their grievances.

South Africa's Policy

TIRUCHI, Dec. 13 (PTI).—Miss Muriel Lester, Gandhiji's hostess in London said the racial policy of South Africa stood condemned.

Addressing a public meeting here last evening, she said she was in South Africa early this year and conditions obtaining there were "horrible". South Africa today lacked proper leadership, she added.

HISTORICAL RECORDS: The 27th annual session of the Indian Historical Records Commission will be held at Nagpur on December 25 and 26. The Governor of Madhya Pradesh will inaugurate the session which will be presided over by Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Education Minister of the Government of India and ex-officio President of the Commission.

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Amendment To Co-operative Societies Rules

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

Objections and suggestions in respect of a proposed amendment to the Bombay Co-operative Societies Rules, 1927, will be received by the Government of Bombay up to January 10, 1951. The draft amendment, which seeks to impose certain conditions on Co-operative Societies, has been published in Part IV-B of the Bombay Government Gazette, of December 7. Objections and suggestions should be addressed to the Secretary to the Government of Bombay in the Development Department or to the Collectors of districts or the Registrar of Co-operative Societies, Poona.

Sacramental Wine And Liquor For Parsis

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

The maximum annual quota of sacramental country liquor or wine for a Parsi family has been raised by the Government of Bombay from one quart bottle to 1½ quart bottles. The quota is raised following a representation made by the Parsi Panchayat that the originally fixed quota was not adequate since certain religious ceremonies have to be performed continuously for a month or over a large number of days.

The Bombay Chronicle

FOOD PROSPECTS

The three-day Food Conference held in the city has at last reached an agreement. As a result of natural calamities in all except four States, the food situation is stated to be very grave. The Conference believes that over and above internal difficulties, the international situation is making it difficult as regards availabilities and shipping. Therefore, a unified policy is to be followed during the coming year. The conference still believes in self-sufficiency and intends to stop imports of food by 31st March 1952. In this connection it entertains the intention to build up reserves, looks for diversion to other crops and meeting the deficiency arising from natural calamities. The deficit areas are to be helped by the country as a whole thereafter. The Government will import 317 million tons of foodgrains. Thus there is no question of any theoretical consideration of control or decontrol. The conference hopes to maintain the present price level. It is further resolved that the morale of the country should be maintained.

There are no two opinions about the serious food situation in the country. It is mainly due to natural causes beyond the control of the Government. In some parts of Madras there is continued famine for the past four years owing to absence of rains. In other parts we have had excessive rains which washed off crops. In some parts locust and draught have destroyed crops. In the absence of any reliable statistics it is impossible to have any correct idea about the loss of crops due to natural calamities but one thing seems certain that the "Grow-More-Food" Campaign has not made any marked progress. India is not a small country and one cannot hope to have rains always when they are needed. We have to make some provisions for factors beyond the control of any Government. The international situation is grave and anything may happen. We cannot wait for making arrangements for imports. We have to import and it must be done without any loss of time. If we secure sufficient supplies from abroad and arrange for shipping, there is no question of any trouble but, if the arrivals are delayed by any cause, the public is bound to be impatient. The Government knows the tragic conditions which prevailed in Assam and Bengal, and now it is upto them to give highest priority to food supply. The question of food is vital in this country and the State Governments will do well to stock sufficient quantities in deficit parts so that the rationing system continues undisturbed. We must buy in foreign countries anything and everything available at once and make the necessary shipping arrangements even by chartering foreign vessels.

War Prisoners

It is time that something concrete was done about the prisoners of war of the last world conflict who are still unaccounted for and about whom there has been much speculation and much wordy quibbling but little achievement of a definite nature.

In the Social and Humanitarian Committee of the U.N. General Assembly, the P.O.W. matter again came up, with the representative of the U.S.S.R. M. Arutunian, charging the Western Powers with the illegal detention of thousands of war prisoners. The charge was categorically denied by the U.S. delegate, Mrs Edith Sampson, who went even farther and suggested that the best thing to do under the circumstances would be to allow a probe into the matter by a representative committee drawn from all the nations of the world. The attitude of the U.S.S.R. is a surprising one, because M. Arutunian promptly replied that the question lay outside the jurisdiction of the U.N. and therefore his government could not agree to the proposal.

There seems to be something definitely wrong in the handling of the P.O.W. question by the U.S.S.R., otherwise we fail to see the wisdom of a refusal to allow the world to witness first hand how these men have been treated. If the Soviets are really sincere in their protestations that they have not a single Japanese or German P.O.W. in Russia—and this was the assertion of the Ukrainian delagate M. Demchenko—then they must in all conscience allow an independent fact finding body to endorse this claim.

And if they seriously consider that others are hiding thousands of these unfortunates, then it owes it both to itself and to the rest of humanity to take the West at its word and allow an enquiry to be held. As matters stand at present, the world will easily make up its mind as to the rights and wrongs of the question, for all the Western Powers have agreed to allow an enquiry and the Soviet Government and its satellites —while vehemently denying that they have any P.O.W.'s—have consistently and adamently refused to permit the light of day to be shed on this sordid affair.

The proceedings in various U.N. committees are often a mere series of charges, with the pot calling the kettle black, but in this particular instance, there seems something basically wrong in the U.S.S.R. For, we stress once more, if their hands are really as clean as they are anxious to make out, there is no harm in the rest of the world being a witness to their guiltlessness with its own eyes.

An Idealistic Panacea

From time to time prophets have come out with panaceas for preserving peace of the world. A world Police Force, an International Court, a World Parliament are only some of the inventions of these idealistic brains. Sometimes their ideas have stuck roots, and the Hague Court is a vestige of those optimists' endeavour for peace. And now it is reported that the United Nations General Assembly has approved the establishment of an International Criminal Court, to prosecute persons charged with violating international conventions. Now, it is hard to arrive at a definition of crime which will be agreed to by all countries What is criminal in America may not look so in the eyes of Russia, where working for fourteen hours a day is only a patriotic duty to the Fatherland, and the man who eggs them on to do this is only fulfilling a national necessity. The report mentions that the only specific item so far mentioned as coming under the jurisdiction of the Court is "genocide".

The declaration of "genocide" as an international crime will certainly be welcome. It is however, already a proclaimed crime. Further, "genocide" represents the extreme examples of human passions gone satistically mad.

There are other crimes against humanity and more common and more serious because committed by men and races in the full possession of normal sanity. Those international crimes, no less than outrages committed by temporary lunatics, need to be attended to in the name and for the good of humanity. It is easy to determine what they are by the simple process of referring to the Bill of Human Rights Any breach by a people or a race should, as a human obligation, be proclaimed on international crime fit for trial by an International Criminal Court. But, as we say, the idealist are up against literally insurmountable obstacles: will all countries accept the definitions and agree to submit to the juridical—and punitive — jurisdiction of the Court? If these questions could be satisfactorily answered the world would, at last, become our world, an indivisible, harmoniously integrated whole. And that millennium is still — a millennium.

Thought For The Day

Man and the man only is the creater of all things and all ideas, he is the miracle-worker and the future master of all forces of nature ... sacred is his hatred of all the trival rubbish which he himself has created; sacred is his desire to do away with greed envy, crime, disease, war and all enmity between men on earth and sacred is his labour.

—MAXIM GORKY

Tete-a-Tete

WITHOUT COMMENT

"The great and complex problems with which we deal are not really solved in the debates and by the votes either in the Security Council or in the General Assembly. They are solved in the heart and minds of men."—P.T.I.-Reuter.

– U.S. delegate, Warren Austin.

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In a speech the other day, Dr. Ernest Barnes, Bishop of Birmingham, said: "The greatest man I have ever met was Mahatma Gandhi."

He should have said this with apologies to Linlithgow, Maxwell and Company, to say nothing of Mr. Winston Churchill.

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The committee appointed by the Orissa Government to inquire into the efficacy of the "wonder drug" which 12-year old Nepal Baba has been distributing, has reported that it is a fake.

But it is not without its compensations anyhow. The loss of the many victims is the gain of the few promoters too.

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A conference of the International Student Service Organisation, which was to have been held in South Africa is going to be called off because of the Malanist refusal to grant visas to delegates not of "pure European (white) descent."

Which we think is quite all right as representing more grist for the mills of Providence which grind slowly but exceeding small.

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The U.N. General Assembly Political Committee has voted to give urgent consideration to the Asian resolution against Soviet objections.

We have a strong suspicion that it was a psychological feint.

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The Chinese, Mr. B. N. Rau tried to explain "seem to be moving towards a Monroe Doctrine for China."

Hence their-er-interest in Viet Nam and Tibet?

Let us hope they don't move into Nepal, Bhutan, Sikkim etc. in order to protect the frontiers of China from India.

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According to a London report, Russia has asked the Western Powers for a meeting of Austrian Treaty Deputies in London on December 15.

Yes, the long spell of complete inactivity unrelieved by discussions leading to deadlocks, must have been getting monotonous.

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Declared Mr. Attlee in a Canadian broadcast: "Communism finds the most favourable ground for its propaganda in countries where poverty is widespread."

Exactly. E-x-a-c-t-l-y.

THE MIND OF MAHARASHTRA

THIS fortnight I have to narrate a tale of distress. In six districts of Maharashtra there is acute scarcity of food in outlying parts with the result that there is a steady drift of famished people into the small towns which lie wide apart in various parts of the Deccan but are found in larger numbers in portions of the land well-served by the railway track.

—BY— OBSERVER

In spite of the vigilance of the rationing authorities and the determined stand of the Minister of Civil Supplies against diminishing the orbit of rural rationing, this calamity has come upon us.

Had Shri Dinkarrao Desai been amenable to the unwise policy adumbrated by the central authorities and decontrol established in the rural areas, a very large number of citizens of the Indian Republic would have starved in West Khandesh, Nasik Ahmednagar, the south-west portion of Sholapur, in north Satara and in Ratnagiri. His warnings that the food scarcity would be acute went unheeded in Delhi. But for the fact that since the beginning of October there was very strict control of distribution in these areas, Maharashtra would have witnessed the spectacle of Bihar. There is much appreciation in the mofussil of the stand taken by the Minister but there are, naturally, complaints that the local authorities did not impress upon our Government immediately the necessity of revising the liberal policy which made them allow the farmers to begin to grow cash crops instead of food crops.

THE WAY OUT

If only when the crop comes in by the middle of January, the State Government insists that the Centre would have the surplus only when local needs have been supplied, much of the agitation and resentment against the Delhi policy of inattention and indifference will lessen. What annoys the cultivator is the unhappy spectacle of cart loads of foodgrains being trucked away when he demands that there should be at least enough for him and his village to tide over the next six months. Leaving him only one-tenth of his produce has not worked satisfactorily. At the present moment he will be extremely unwilling even to give that much. The way out of the difficulty is suggested by a correspondent from Karkamb, a university trained agriculturist in a small way, who writes to me that non-official cooperation would be available in no small measure if the authorities have the vision and the patience to follow his suggestions.

He writes that the Grampanchayat should be utilised to collect as much of the crops as is readily available, its elders being assured that they would have the leading voice in saying how much the territory really wants. The rest can be taken away as the levy. There will be much less friction then in collecting the levy. He suggests further that these elders should be given the duty of keeping the corn in stacks in what are known as 'Kangis', stores under sheds, instead of being taken away to the Government godown and redistributed from there. They should in fact be close allies of the rationing officers in the matter of distribution. There will then not be the totally unnecessary movement of wagons and the irritating spectacle of third rate wheat from Khandwa being distributed 700 miles away from the place of its origin in an area which grows wheat enough to feed its population and more, will be avoided.

TECHNICAL AID

Another suggestion of his is that students of the third year in the College of Agriculture should be permitted by the University to spend at least six weeks in close touch with the farmers in selected areas, work with them as a labour corps, suggesting to them various methods of improvement. This class of students during the first two years has already imbibed preliminary knowledge of improved methods in agriculture and the ryots are most likely to listen to practical suggestions, which do not cost them much and will yield financially happy results during the next season. For example, all the work of establishing 'pat bandharas' is wasted when after the preliminary operations which build them up, they are allowed, through the ryot's ignorance, to be neglected and the material which built them up used for other proposes. One remarkable fact has been recently noticed in Maharashtra in this regard. The agriculturist is now keen, thanks to the larger emphasis given in the language press to items of food and a variety of agricultural problems, to listen to advice which he believes comes from a competent source. Of local journals there is happily an increase. Even the town of Ahmednagar now boasts of seven weeklies.

NON-CEREAL FOOD

There is a great possibility of growing non-cereal crops in Maharashtra. Unfortunately not enough attention has been paid to this matter, the only spurt of activity being the Government advice some months ago to grow 'Ratalas' or sweet potatoes. This "ratala" stunt was laughed out by the ryots because the varieties which yield these sweet potatoes in abundance were not cultivated sufficiently in government farms and the seedlings promptly supplied. The fact remains, however, that a large number of edible roots can be grown, as is done in certain Konkan areas, and can be used as supplementary food. There is enough forest land which can be cut down and can be utilised for the purpose. It may astonish my readers to learn that in the district of west Khandesh the land that yet could be cultivated is 73,000 acres while the forest land is 11,48,000 acres. On the spurs of the Satpura hills very few attempts are yet made to grow non-cereal food. In the district of Poona, it was computed in 1943, the still cultivable land was 8,000 acres while the forest land was 3,80,000 acres. During the last eight years the cultivated land has increased only by six per cent. In the Sholapur district the total amount of land already in cultivation is 21,87,000 acres. There appeared to be no possibility of bringing further land under tillage until the various minor irrigation schemes are completed; but the curious fact is that of the 78,000 acres of forest land in the district much can be turned over to the growing of non-cereal food and fruit gardens. At present only seven thousand acres in this district, which is third in area in Central Maharashtra and has a highly rich soil, are being used for the growth of fruit and vegetables.

A happy feature in Maharashtra today is the frequent association of non-officials with officials in discusing problems of economic interest in each district. The collector during his tours takes the opportunity of meeting the notables of the part he is visiting. He is also affable and easily available to the press. The result has been that in each district the local journals are interested in giving an account of these gatherings. These are read, I have noticed, with great avidity by the rural population.

FRANKLY SPEAKING

Press Conferences

The press conference is a peculiar institution. Of somewhat recent growth, it is the product of the dual need of the press to get news of public importance and of various agencies, institutions and individuals to get as much publicity as possible. Just like lunches, dinners and receptions, which are, in the ultimate analysis devices for publicising various causes or persons, the press conference too is an instrument of publicity. A minister or other "Very Important Person", harassed by requests from individual newsman for information and opinion often prefers to deal with the whole bunch of them at one sitting. But the important postulates of a press conference are that what is to be said at the conference is worthy of attention, that it is the easiest and most comfortable way of saying it and that at least a reasonable section of what is vaguely called the press is interested in listening in. Recently, however, a somewhat undesirable tendency has crept in of all manner of people calling all manner of press conferences. At a recent press conference called by a leading light of the Socialist party newsmen were handed an appeal for blankets for volunteers fighting in Nepal. When an annoyed reporter asked if the statement could not have been sent along, he was told that it had been sent but did not receive sufficient publicity to satisfy the senders. Only last week a British Commercial delegation called newsmen only to hand them a statement and refused to answer any questions outside the scope of the handout. It is naturally very difficult for newsmen to decide in advance which press conferences are worth attending. Only yesterday, for instance, there were at least half a dozen such conferences- some straight ones, some disguised as tea parties and lunches. The most interesting of them was an invitation to attend a press conference called by the Bombay and Suburban Hair Dressers Association to explain the hardships caused to them by the new rules and regulations. This enterprising body, offered car lifts to the venue of the conference and back to the office plus refreshments. That was a pretty good bribe, but perhaps it might have been a better draw if it was more discreetly put across. It is as well to remember that nothing can be killed by abuse: and the press conference may cease to have any value unless it is used very sparingly.

Disposal Of Surplus

The U. S. refusal to give a large enough price concession to India to enable her to buy 750,000 tons of milo to starve off famine raises again the propriety of destroying food grains to keep up the price level. According to an established practice in the United States all surplus food-grains are bought by the Department of Agriculture to assure fair prices to farmers. The Department of Agriculture is required by law to sell surpluses as close to market price as possible otherwise dispose it off in any way they please in order to make space for the next year's surplus. It is reported that mountain heaps of wheat, milo and corn are burnt, dumped into the sea or just allowed to rot. This is in addition to foodgrains fed to pigs and cattle. Similar destruction of foodgrains is reported from other surplus countries. In normal times such a practice may be justifiable in certain people's eyes but to refuse famine-stricken countries at a concession rate surplus foodgrains which are otherwise going to be destroyed, sounds inhuman. No high sounding economic theories can justify such an act. One fails to understand how giving away a portion of foodgrains from a huge surplus to feed starving millions can upset market rates or hit the U. S. farmers? Such a transaction can be made independently without disturbing the world grain market. We repeat a suggestion made earlier that an international organisation like the U.N. should collect all surplus foodgrains from their member countries and supply it to famine stricken areas either at a concession or even free for the sake of suffering humanity. What better token can one have of the U.N. ideal of peace and world brotherhood? Surplus countries like the United States ought to take a lead in the matter. Instead of looking at it from the narrow national point of view, the U.S. ought to make its surplus foodgrains available to scarcity-ridden countries. What better gesture can they show to the non-Communist world?

Problem Of Adulterated Ghee

Pandit Thakurdas Bhargava did not press his motion to refer his Bill providing for the prohibition of manufacture and import of Hydrogenated Vegetable oil to a Select Committee as the government was to appoint a Committee to consider the question of adulteration of ghee in the country. There is no objection against manufacture of Hydrogenated Vegetable oil but the real opposition is against adulteration and we hope the Committee which is to be appointed by the Government will find ways and means to put an end to the evil practice: This question has been before the public and the Government for the past several months and various suggestions have been made even to change the present colour of Hydrogenated Vegetable Oil which resembles pure ghee and makes adulteration easy. It is desirable that all manufacturers of Hydrogenated Vegetable Oil must be under licence and they should sell their product only in sealed tins. Similarly all merchants who are selling pure Ghee and Hydrogenated Vegetable oils must also be under licence with a deposit. Strict rules against adulteration must be made and anybody found going against them must be thrown out of business. His licence must be cancelled and heavy penalty of both fine and imprisonment must be provided against such public enemies who reduce business morality and honesty to a discount. The Government cannot allow any adulteration in food; in no part of the world are such tendencies tolerated. We hope the Committee will satisfy the wishes of the people by finding an effective way, with no loophole left, of stopping adulteration.

Safer Travel

Travellers on the suburban railways have often heard a bleating voice asking them not to travel on foot-boards. Sometimes the authorities rouse themselves into action and launch prosecutions as a result of which the foot-board traveller is asked to pay a fine. All this however, has not reduced the congestion on trains, and the almost daily reports of people falling to their death from the foot-boards tell their own story. It is needless to point out that people are travelling on the foot-boards not for pleasure and it is naive to believe that it only needs repeated warnings from loud speakers, and occasional prosecutions to wean the public away from such a dangerous habit. The trains are too few and they are forced to carry too many passengers. Upto now, the authorities have been repeating ad nauseum that it is only lack of bogies that has been standing in the way of running more trains. Now a report says that by April, a total of 400 bogies comprising 25 complete rakes will be available to the two local railway systems. One hopes that after this, congestion would be reduced. Or will the railway authorities trot out some new excuse like shortage of power to deny people better travel facilities?

3 MINISTERS TO TOUR KARWAR

Food Situation Not So Satisfactory

(From Our Correspondent.)

KARWAR, Dec. 12.

Of the three Ministers scheduled to tour this District, one, Dr. Jivraj Mehta, Minister for Public Works, is already here. He presided over a meeting of the District Rural Development Board, and of the Minor Irrigation Committee, at Sirsi on December 10.

Mr. Morarji Desai will tour this District form December 15 to 17. He is schedled to visit the Jog Falls.

The week after that Mr. L. M. Patil, Minister for Prohibition will tour this District.

Mr. Morarji Desai will address a ryot meeting at Haldipur and visit the Sarvodaya Kendra at Hichkad (Ankola) and Mr. Patil will preside at the Prohibition meeting.

The last week of November saw a social worker from Miraj, Mr. Mahadeva Shastri Divekar, giving a seres of dscourses to the public of Karwar. The discourses which opened with 'Hindu Code Bill and Society' concluded by his talk on the practical application of our religion in the modern set-up.

SURPRISE

Last week's pronouncement by the Collector of Karwar, Mr. A. H. B. Tyabji, that the food situation is "very satisfactory" has caused a big surprise to many, when they studied the stock-position. On November 25, the District had a total of 1,106 tons of foodgrains, inclusive of 910 tons of rice. The monthly offtakes come to 1,760 tons of rice and 170 tons of other grains. Doubtless, procurement of paddy is in full swing. But whatever is procured is converted into rice and the demands of the consumers are met. How could we describe such a situation "very satisfactory", ask the public. This optimistic version by the officials in charge of food supply, they argue, would land us in future trouble.

OUR READERS' VIEWS

Evicted Ex-Serviceman Thanks

May I through the courtesy of your columns Thank all those kind people who offered help to us after we were evicted from our home by the Army last Thursday. I have often heard of Bombay's traditional generosity in extending a helping hand when needed, and our unfortunate plight seemed to have evoked immediate sympathy. Throughout Thursday and Friday kind hearted citizens of all denominations have been coming in a steady stream to offer help of every sort—food temporary shelter the use of cars and trucks to move, offers to take care of the children. Their warm hearted human kindness is like a beautiful golden thread woven into the fabric of our bitterness and despair. In return, we can only thank them and bless them.

HAROLD CAHILL.
Ex-Warrant Officer, Indian Army.

Danger To Co-op. Movement

Apropos Hon'ble Shri V. L. Mehta's remarks at the 2nd Anniversary of the All-Bombay Consumers' Co-operative Societies' Federation Ltd., I would like to draw the attention of those interested in the co-operative movement to some of the defects that are creeping in the movement.

Attempts are being made by interested parties to make these Societies packed bodies and exploit them for personal benefits. To perpetuate their control, large blocks of shares have been and are being issued to individuals who are generally known to them. In one case even though a sixth of the authorised capital has been subscribed by issue of such large blocks to about 200 members cardholders consumers have been refused membership. In another case the paid up capital of approximately Rs. 15,000 has been distributed between about 100 members only. In such cases, it is quite clear that interests of the consumers is not safeguarded and the spirit of the co-operative movement is totally lacked by the co-operative arrangements.

Again, societies have been found to sell goods on credit in violation of their bye-laws. To hoodwink the public the amounts are kept in suspense account. In one case the Balance Sheet actually shows a considerable amount as "Book Debts 'Secured' (!) due from customers". The Auditors, in such cases, have not passed any remarks against this gross violation of the byelaws. Even the authorities concerned seem to have overlooked such irregularities.

In order that the Co-operative movement may be successful, such irregularities must be put an end to by tightening the administration and if necessary by overhauling the Societies' Act.

—S. V. SHAH.

Imperial Citizenship Association

It is indeed a matter of gratification that the proposed celebration of "I Am An Indian" Day organised by the Indian Nationals' Overseas Congress has received the blessings of four Ministers of the Bombay Government. But May I ask why we do not hear of any activity in this or other matters concerned with Indians overseas by the Imperial Citizenship Association—an organisation specifically collected for the purpose? The problem of Indians Overseas remains as acute as ever and although with the attainment of independence by India our capacity to solve it may have increased the need for an informed and enlightened public opinion on the subject and ceaseless efforts by organisations like the Imperial Citizenship Associations in that behalf not only remains as pressing and urgent as in the past but may even be said to have increased. There is thus no justification for well organised and endowed associations like the Imperial Citizenship Associations either to rest on their oars. And it is very much to be wished not only that some explantation were forthcoming for its recent inactivity but that something effective were done to regalvanise it into life.

—SHANKARPRASAD S. NANAVATY.

OF ALL THINGS

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AN Englishman who was in Paris for a short holiday—for the story plain John is as good as any other name—was stopped by an extremely attractive lady and handed a sheet of paper on which were a few words in French. Before he could say anything she had vanished. Quite flattered that a charming young woman should have written him a love note—one can't blame the poor man for thinking this—and not knowing what the message was, he took it along to the landlord of the place where he was staying and asked him to decode it.

The latter, who was an unimaginative individual not given to jokes, took the paper in matter of fact fashion. But one glance at its contents was enough to make him order the foreigner out of the place on the instant. Never mind the bill, just get out! John was naturally bewildered. He was also annoyed at the attitude of the landlord and went to see a lawyer. He told the latter the whole background of the case, and was assured that it must obviously be some sort of mistake.

But when the lawyer saw the paper, his reaction was even worse. He told John very unmistakably that as a man who had dealings with criminals, he often came across depraved characters, but in all his long experience, he had never known anyone as rotten to the core as John. Protests were unavailing and he was told to go and never bring himself around the place again.

By this time John was on the verge of a breakdown. In desperation he wired his best friend to come up to Paris the same night. This friend was a Frenchman whom he had known since childhood. When told about the queer goings-on, his reply was: "If you had written the stuff, I might have blamed you; if someone has given it to you, why should I?" So he was shown those few words —And, as John feared, the result was the same. His lifelong friend went black with rage, abused him uncontrollably, told him that never, NEVER had he thought that John was capable of such rottenness, and stalked out.

Who wrote this tale is not known. Whether it is fact or just a product of a bizarre imagination is also unknown. There have been several versions of the story, each admitting that it is drawn from an untraceable original and each unable to vouch for the source.

Do YOU know the author? Do YOU know what terrible words shocked grown men out of their wits? Can you tell who was the woman, or the devil, or whatever she was who drove a man to the brink of insanity?

U.S. IMPORTING INDIAN COTTON SHEETINGS

Industry Fixes 1,000 Million Yards Export Target

NEW DELHI, December 13,(P.T.I.).

THE Indian textile industry has set a target of 1.000 millions yards of cotton goods for export during the current year, it was learned here today.

A large volume of Indian cotton sheetings are flowing into the American market, reports received here from Washington indicate.

This is the first time in modern history, it is stated, that Indian cotton goods are being imported in substantial quantity in America. Although India is the oldest cotton textile manufacturing country in the world, it was nevertheless, one of the largest importers of cotton textiles, and until a decade ago it exported practically no cotton goods to the United States.

Within the last three months, the price advantage of Indian sheetings along with a possible shortage of coarse sheetings in the United States, has caused greater interest in India as a source of supply.

Truman To Talk To U. S. Nation

WASHINGTON, December 13 (PTI-Reuter): The White House announced today that President Truman would address the nation on Friday night on the world crisis.

The address to be delivered over all networks at about three A. M. G. M. T. on December 16, is expected to include or follow up a declaration of national emergency.

Mr. Truman will outline some of the sacrifices to be asked of the American people and the steps the administration plans because of the threat of all-out war.

These steps will include price and wagon controls as soon as necessary machinery can be set up.

The President conferred today with Congress leaders. The White House said he wanted their ideas on how far and how fast the country should move towards all-out mobilisation.

Mr. Truman asked some of his outspoken political foes to the discussion of these questions.

Allahabad Students Parade In Protest

ALLAHABAD, Dec. 13, (PTI): Over 10,000 students of the various educational institutions in the city today paraded the streets as a protest against the incident of December 10 resulting in the death of student of a local college.

After the termination of the procession a meeting was held. A resolution was passed urging the Government to hold "proper enquiry" into the incident and "impose collective fine" on the residents of the locality where the incident occurred.

Practically all the educational institutions including the University remained closed in response to the call of a one-day token strike to express their sympathy with the deceased.

Ceylon Assembly Member Suspended

COLOMBO, Dec. 12 (PTI): Mr. C. Suntheralingam, Independent member for Vavuniya, was suspended from sitting in the House of Representatives for one week at its meeting today.

He was suspended after he had repeatedly challenged the ruling by the Deputy Speaker, Mr. Albert Peries, refusing him permission to move a motion on which he claimed 'priority" discussion.

Move Against Acheson

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13. (PTI-Reuter): A Senate Republican Policy Sub-Committee is reported to have "turned down" a proposed resolution calling for the removal of Secretary of State Acheson.

The group had "broadened" the proposal which previously had pinpointed the demand for the resignation.

Drunkenness Out Of Fashion In Britain

LONDON, Dec. 13 (PTI-Reuter):—Drunkenness is out of fashion in Britain.

Only 1,775 men were taken to prison in 1948 for having had a glass too much compared with 37,033 in 1913.

The latest report of the British Commissioners of Prisons published today shows that weaker beer, stiff alcohol taxes, better standards of home life and counter attractions of saloon bars have had an even greater effect on women.

In 1913, 15,116 women spent at least one night in British prisons for being "drunk and incapable," but by 1948 (where latest figures are available) this number had dwindled to 446.

BIG FOUR MEETING AGENDA PROPOSALS

Reply To Soviet Russia

PARIS, Dec. 13. (PTI-Reuter): The Western Powers replies to the recent Russian note proposing a four-power conference will suggest diplomatic contacts to draw up an agenda for the talks but will not accept the Prague decisions as a basis for them, a French Foreign Office spokesman said today.

(A conference in Prague of representatives of Russia and the Eastern democracies proposed an all German Constituent Council and called for a declaration by the great powers that they would not permit the remilitarisation of Germany).

The spokesman said the British, French, and American replies to the Russian note would be sent at the end of this week or the beginning of next.

He added that the reply would not stipulate conditions for the talks.

IMPORTANCE OF U. S. TO ARABS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13. (PTI-Reuter): Abdel Rahman Azzam Pasha, Secretary-General of the Arab League, said here that the United States was the only country which could save the Arab world from Communism.

In a speech to the National Press Club here, he said yesterday, "All imperialistic powers have no chance at present for a moral lead of Asiatic and African people. The only country in the Western camp which may still have a chance of appeal to the hearts and minds of Oriental masses is the United States.

More Police Stations Near Tibetan Border

LUCKNOW, Dec. 13. (PTI): The U. P. Government propose to open immediately two police stations at Pithorgarh and Bageshwar in Almora district near the Tibetan border, it is learnt.

The Government also propose to convert the existing police outpost near the Tibetan border at Karnprayag in Garhwal district into a police station.

Electrical Contractors' Plea

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

The Electrical Contractors Association, Bombay, has urged Government of India to relax the present restrictions on imports of rubber insulated electric wires and flexibles and to bring essential electrical accessories under the perview of supply and prices of goods ordinance.

AMERICAN POLICY SUICIDAL

Former Ambassador's Slashing Hit

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Virginia, Dec. 13 (PTI-Reuter): Mr. Joseph Kennedy, former American Ambassador to Britain, has described the present United States foreign policy as "politically and morally bankrupt" and "suicidal".

Mr. Kennedy in a speech to the University of Virginia Law School Forum last night said that this policy had "solidified Communism, sapped America's economic strength, failed to provide a strong defence in this hemisphere and made us no foul-weather friends".

He proposed that the United States should get out of Korea and any other places in Asia where she could not hope to hold her defences and "should stop wasting her resources on an idle attempt to hold the line of the Elbe or the line of the Rhine."

The United States, he said, had expanded her political and financial programme "on an almost unbelievably wide scale". "Now in Korea we are fighting the fourt hgeratest war in our history," he declared.

"What have we in return for this effort? Friends? We have fewer friends than we had in 1945."

ETNA SPARES THREE VILLAGES

Speed Of Lava Reduced

CATANIA, Dec. 13. (PTI-Reuter): Craters on Mount Etna were still erupting today but some lava stream had very greatly reduced speed and others stopped, giving hope to three threatened villages.

The villages, Milo, Rinazzo, and Fornazzo seemed doomed a few days ago.

While bringing misery and hardship to thousands of peasants living on Mount Etna's eastern slopes, the eruptions have given several scientists new lines of research.

M. Jean Jacques Richard, a French volcano expert has sent specimens of lava rock to Paris to be examined in the French atomic pile for possible radio-activity.

Israel's Plan For Korea

LAKE SUCCESS, Dec. 13 (PTI-Reuter): A new plan for a Korean cease-fire, an extended "political moratorium" and a stage-by-stage settlement of outstanding Asian issues will be outlined to the United Nations Political Committee today by the delegation of Israel.

The plan which has the support of several other nations is based on the principle that a settlement of the main issues involving the Chinese People's Republic, can only be done in a graduated manner.

The main stages would thus be (one) a cease-fire in the fighting zone, (one) stabilisation of a demarcation line; (three) declaration of a "moratorium" on political pressures; (four) start of a conference between the opposing parties under the auspices of a United Nations Korean Commission.

The conference according to the plan would then proceed to negotiate a settlement of the outstanding problems in the area by separate stages.

ATTLEE MEETS FRENCH AMBASSADOR

LONDON, Dec. 13. (PTI-Reuter): Prime Minister Clement Attlee today meet the French Ambassador M. Rene Massigli to inform him about decisions made during his recent visit to Washington and Ottawa.

Atlantic Army Talks

LONDON, Dec. 13. (PTI-Reuter): A joint meeting of the military chiefs and the Foreign Ministers Deputies of the Atlantic Pact, here today, lasted only two hours. It shaped final recommendations for setting up an integrated Atlantic Pact army which will include armed German contingents.

FULL CONFIDENCE

NEW DELHI, Dec. 13 (PTI): Master Tara Singh, the Akali leader, today said he had full confidence in Mr. Jawaharlal Nehru's leadership in the country. The present administration and Government servants were not responsible for corruption, he added.

No Red To Sponsor Red Peace

LONDON, Dec. 13 (PTI-Reuter).

Members of Parliament last night watched a peace petition carried into the House of Commons with all the pomp and ceremony of centuries old tradition.

The petition said to have been signed by 1,340,000 people called for a five power meeting to secure the banning of atomic weapons.

It was sponsored by the Communist-led British Peace Committee.

At the beginning of yesterday's session, nine solemn attendants formally dressed in black tail coats and white ties bore in 38 bundles of documents containing the signatures.

The petition was introduced by Labour Member Sydney Silverman who disclaimed any support for the movement, but said there was no Communist memver to act for the petitioners.

Such petitions must be introduced by a Member of the House of Commons.

ATLANTIC ARMY PROPOSALS

Agreement Reached In London

LONDON, Dec. 13 (PTI-Reuter): Groundwork for the creation of the North Atlantic defence forces in Europe was completed in London today.

The North Atlantic Pact Deputies and Military Committee, after a joint meeting of two hours, announced they had reached complete agreement or political and military recommendations for German participation in West Europe integrated forces.

The Deputies, representing the Foreign Ministers of the 12-member nations of the pact, and the Military Committee comprising the Chiefs of Staff, said their recommendations would now be submitted to the meetings of Defence and Foreign Ministers beginning in Brussels on Monday.

Today's joint meeting declared in a communique that the Military Committee would also forward to the Defence Committee agreed recommendations concerning:

(1) Establishment in Europe of an international defence force, (2) General provisions for the appointment of a Supreme Commander for this force; and (3) Supreme Commander's position when appointed.

The announcement of General Eisenhower's appointment as Supreme Commander is expected to be made shortly.

The shortness of today's joint meeting indicated that all the serious problems at that level had already been solved in the separate meetings of the two bodies in London earlier this week.

VIET MINH TROOPS BOMBED

Violent French Air Attack

PARIS, Dec. 13 (PTI-Reuter): French military aircraft launched repeated and violent attacks against Viet Minh troops and positions in southern Viet Nam, Agence' France Presse quoting a French military spokesman, reported today from Saigon.

French light bombers blasted Viet Minh concentrations near Vinh Long 68 miles west of Saigon and Long Wuyen, 74 miles west southwest of Saigon on the lower Mekong River.

French fighters machinegunned positions near Travinh, 82 miles southwest of Saigon the spokesman said.

Several ammunition dumps were destroyed during these attacks.

A French outpost in southern Viet Nam which had been under severe attacks for several days was relieved by the air force.

On the northern front the spokesman indicated renewed Viet Minh activity in several sectors mainly north of the Red River.

U.S. And Norway Protest To Egypt

CAIRO, Dec. 13 (PTI-Reuter): The United States and Norway protested to Egypt today against interference with free navigation through the Suez Canal.

Britain, France and Denmark have already done so.

Britain first protested in August, France and Denmark this week.

Both Britain and France stated that the Egyptian action was not permitted under the Suez Canal convention and that in peace-time ports should extend facilities to all shipping without discrimination.

MARSHALL HELD UP

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13. (PTI-Reuter): The United States Secretary of Defence, General George Marshall, said today he would be unable to attend the North Atlantic Treaty Defence Committee meeting in Brussels on December 18 because of urgent duties here.

The Government of Pakistan has sanctioned Rs. 4,85,00,000 for the purchase of locomotives, steel coaches and wagons for the East Bengal Railway in 1950-51.

LAND REFORM IN HYDERABAD

One Good Effect Of Terrorism

NEW DELHI, Dec. 13 (PTI): The Prime Minister, Mr. Nehru, and General Cariappa, Commander-in-Chief, Indian Army, today saw some of the weapons seized from terrorists (believed to be Communists) in the Telengana area of Hyderabad.

On a map dotted with red and blue pins, Mr. TCR Money, Deputy Special Commissioner, Telengana, showed the areas of terrorist activity.

The red pins enclosed an area of 13,000 square miles of Warangal and Nalgonda districts, considered to be the most affected areas. The blue pins indicated areas where movements of terrorist gangs were reported recently and included parts of Karimnagar, Adilabad, Nizamabad, Medak and Mahboobnagar.

At the exhibition were samples of arms, weapons, equipment and literature seized from terrorist hideouts in caves and jungles in Warangal and Nalgonda. Most of them were recovered on information furnished by local villagers.

Pressmen who visited the exhibition were told that the terrorists had been able to win some amount of local sympathy by redistributing land in certain areas. To counteract that, side by side with military and police operations, the Hyderabad Government was introducing land reforms and opening roads schools and dispensaries.

TELANG A PIONEER SOCIAL WORKER

Tributes At City Meeting

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

A public meeting held under the auspices of the Bombay Presidency Association at the Blavatsky Lodge this evening recalled the services rendered by the late Justice K. T. Telang in the field of education and social reform. Sir Cowasji Jehangir presided.

Sir Cowasji said that Juhtice Telang's life had proved that if necessary zeal and enterprise were brought to bear, no problem was inhurmountable. Justice Telang had achieved what was considered impossible in those days in the field of social reform and political education.

Mr. Vithal Chandavarkar said that Justice Telang was "an intellectual and moral giant". He had shown the way to all social workers anxious to bring about reforms in social order. He had done pioneering work in the field of social reform which the younger generation could emulate with considerable advantage, Mr. Chandavarkar said.

Mr. Jamnadas Mehta and Mr. B. N. Gokhale also spoke on the occasion.

E. C. A. WHEAT FOR YUGOSLAVIA

TRIESTE, Dec. 13 (PTI-Reuter): Eight Marshall Plan food relief experts landed here yesterday with jeeps and winter equipment to organise the distribution of wheat and flour in famine threatened Yugoslavia.

Under the supervision of Mr. Robert Galloway, Economic Co-operation Mission Chief in Trieste the eight experts hope to reach every city and hamlet in Bosnia, Macedonia, Croatia and Dalmatia before winter sets in completely and mountain villages are cut off. A ninety mile per hour gale is already roaring on the plateau.

Western Germany and Italy agreed to hand over to Yugoslavia 150,000 tons of wheat and flour already received under the Marshall Plan. Supplementary ECA allocations will later replace this grain.

ATTLEE GOVERNMENT SCORES A WIN

Victory On Coal Motion

LONDON, Dec. 13, (PTI-Reuter).

THE Government won a 14-vote victory over Winston Churchill's Conservatives in the House of Commons last night.

By 298 to 284, it defeated a Conservation motion condemning the National Board's handling of the state-owned coal industry and demanding an independent inquiry into its failure to get more coal.

The nine Liberals did not vote.

Their spokesman Edar Granville said they objected to Parliament being "turned into an annexe of the Tory Central Office for electioneering purpose" at atime of international crisis.

Later, a Government amendment was approved also by 298 to 284 this rejected the proposed inquiry as likely to divert the Board and industry from their urgent task of increasing output.

Fuel Minister Philip Noel Baker said Britain is to import 1,200,000 tons of coal from the United States.

Altogether, Britain intends to buy about two million tons of foreign coal.

A vigorous campaign is to be made to recruit Irish workers for the mines.

He hoped for gobd results from tolks between the Coal Board and the Minier's Unions about the employment of Italian miners.

Coal production for the year would fall short of the target of 218 million tons by about 1,750,000 tons.

Mr. Robert Hudson for the Conservatives complained that the export target of 33 million tons would not be reached this year by half. Britain was falling down on her promise to export one of the key materials for the successful defence of Europe.

Red Advance Into Tibet

A TOWN CAPTURED

HONGKONG, Dec. 13 (PTI-Reuter).—Peking Radio last night reported that Chinese Communist troops had captured the Tibetan town of Ping Ching Chuen on the north-west frontier of Sikang Province near Tibet proper.

The last report on military operations in Tibet was on December 2, when the Chinese announced the capture of LolungChun (Lho Ozong) in Central Sikang.

The radio said last night that Ping Ching Chuen was "liberated" by Communist cavalry with the capture of 19 "reactionary" Tibetan Government soldiers armed with British rifles.

Although the town does not appear on available maps, mention of the northwest frontier indicates that Chinese forces are moving towards one of the few available passes through the mountains into Tibet proper.

INSTRUCTION IN MICA MINING

NELLORE, Dec. 13 (PTI).—Mr. C. Perumalaswami Reddiar, Minister for Industries, Madras, told the South India Mica Mine-Owners Association that the State Government were considering opening a separate school for instruction in mica mining at Gudur, about forty miles from here.

The matter had earlier come up before the Indian Mica Advisory Committee at Jaipur when it was agreed that a cess of half per cent on the value of exports should be levied for meeting the cost of the scheme.

It was also agreed at the meeting, that there should be three more centres for instruction in the areas of Bihar, Rajasthan and Madras, the Minister said.

Gudur is the biggest mica producing area in the State.

Congress Body Recommends Relief To 'Kheduts'

(From Our Correspondent)

AHMEDABAD, Dec. 13.

The Pathan Taluka Congress Committee has recommended to the Government to start immediately relief measures, in locust-affected areas and to give financial assistance to the 'kheduts' who have been put into difficulties by the application of the Land Tenure Act.

The Committee has also recommended cancellation of controls.

RUSSIAN INTERFERENCE

CAIRO, Dec. 13 (PTI-Reuter): El Sayed Mohammed Amin Bugra, Governor of Sinkiang Province under the Chinese Nationalists, said here today that Russia had taken control of uranium, oil and other mineral deposits in Eastern Turkestan, which is part of Sinkiang.

He declared to reporters that the Soviet Union was interfering in the domestic affairs of the Chinese territory.

PARTY IN PARIS

PARIS, Dec. 13 (PTI-Reuter): Sardar H. S. Malik, Indian Ambassador in France, yesterday attended a lunch given by the Union of Far Eastern Studies in honour of members, Ramchandra K. S. Malhotra and Sarup Singh of the Punjab Government who are visiting Paris to select candidates for the Bakhra Mangal Project.

Representatives of theFrench Foreign Affairs Ministry, Finance Ministry (Economic Section), Industry and Commerce (Department of Electricity), the Director General of the Electricity of France and representatives of big French firms interested in India were present.

FOOD BATTLE

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cording to it foreign imports have to be stopped by 31st March 1952 except for: (a) building up reserve, (b) making good diversion to other crops in national interests and (c) meeting the deficiency arising from natural calamities.

It is implied in the pledge that the deficit areas have to be helped by the country as a whole thereafter. But so far as the coming year is concerned, the pledge does not interfere with securing sufficient imports. The million tons target of imports for 1951 is fixed at 3.7 million. At the same time, the international situation might create unexpected difficulties for which the country must be ready.

(3) Any theoretical consideration of control or decontrol is out of question in the context of the present situation. The controlled economy in the matter of foodgrains must continue. The price level has to be maintained in so far it may be practicable. Distribution arrangements must continue to be controlled and directed with suitable adjustments. Austerity measures must be stiffened.

(4) As regards the nature of control and the manner in which it should be enforced, each State should in consultation with the Centre, maintain the arrangements which best serve the purpose of meeting the situation in the State in the coming year.

(5) The G. M. F. and controls are part of an integrated system, and every step should be taken by the States to see that interdependent activities are controlled by a uniform and effective policy and that till the next kharif season efforts should be made to grow short-term supplementary food in the areas wherever it is possible.

MORALE MUST BE MAINTAINED

(6) It is of the highest importance that the morale of the country should be maintained. The situation, though critical, is under control and the Centre and the States are mobilising all available resources to see that the country is enabled to face it with as little hardship as possible.

At the same time the public will appreciate that under no circumstances should they give way to panic, which only aggravates the situation without providing any remedy.

Effort, therefore, should be concentrated on publicising measures adopted and both public men and the Press should co-operate with Governments in sustaining the morale of the people.

At such time it is of the highest importance that all parties and interests should combine to support the Governments in their endeavour to meet the situation.

The resolution, after it was read out by Mr. Munshi, was formally moved by Mr. Ravi Shankar Shukla, Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh and was seconded by Mr. Prafulla Chandra Sen, Food Minister, West Bengal. It was carried unanimously.

PULL TOGETHER

Mr. Shukla, while moving the resolution said: "The States exist for the Centre and the Centre for the States, and, unless we pull together we shall not be able to carry through the emergency that may arise."

Later Mr. Shukla told reporters that the resolution was worded most unambiguously. The emergency he conttemplated covered even the risk of war, in which unfortunate event the States would have to consult among themselves and the Centre to make such changes as may become necessary.

Mr. M. Tirumala Rao, Deputy Minister for Food, Government of India, who attended the Conference for the first time today said that the resolution on the very face of it showed that the 'status quo' would be maintained. If, due to any particular conditions, a State wanted any changes to be made, then such a change could be effected by mutual discussions between the Centre and the State concerned.

Mr. Dinkarrao Desai, who had strongly opposed decontrol and fought it tooth and nail, when asked by reporters for his reactions, modestly said: "The resolution will have to be studied and interpreted by the whole Cabinet."

FOOD SITUATION IN MADRAS WORSE

Centre's Attention Drawn, Says Chief Minister

MADRAS, December 13 (PTI): Mr. P. S. Kumaraswamy Raja, Chief Minister, said in an interview here today that owing to the failure of monsoon for a fifth year in succession, the food situation in Madras State during 1951 would be worse than in the previous years.

The Southern districts, he added, had been worst affected and consequently food production had suffered. The ryots would have spent whatever they had conserved and next year they would have nothing left with them to be drawn upon in a time of crisis.

The Chief Minister said that the pointed attention of the Central Government had been drawn to the situation that would develop next year and "without their timely and adequate help it will be very difficult to meet the food situation."

The Madras Public Works Minister, Mr. M. Bhaktavatsalam, said that the water level in the Periyar reservoir had gone down considerably, imperilling the food crop in Madura District. "We are trying to save standing crops as much as possible by equitably distributing available water for cultivation," the Minister added.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

Grains In British Funds

LONDON, Dec. 13 (PTI-Reuter): Quiet firmness was widespread on the London stock exchange today at the start of new account.

Small buying created many gains in British funds, industrials, oils and minings, and the undertone was cheerful while awaiting movements in international situation.

Advances in funds were up to a quarter and followed routine buying orders. In the industrial section was there good demand for selected better class issues. Dunlop old shares were prominent around five and six, and there was some buying in tobaccos, breweries and textiles.

Oils were higher under the influence of Apex Trinidad dividend of 1 and 9.

Foreign bonds were generally irregular. Gold and copper shares remained firm on some new buying.

LATEST COMMERCIAL NEWS

NEW YORK COTTON MARCH

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.

Previous closing	41.38
Today's opening	41.39
Difference	+1
Today's closing	41.58
Difference	+20

Stop Press

SOVIET OPPOSITION

LAKE SUCCESS, Dec. 13 (PTI-Reuter): Russia will oppose the 13-Nation Korea cease-fire proposals, her delegate M. Jacob Malik told the United Nations General Assembly's Political Committee today.

M. Malik declared: "bearing in mind the stand of the United States and United Kingdom Governments and the stage which the Korean question has reached, the proposal for a cease-fire is hypocritical camouflage intended to obtain a breathing spell for further military action.

SUB-ATOMIC CONFERENCE IN CITY BEGINS TODAY

Famous Physicists To Take Part

NEW DELHI, Dec. 13 (PTI): The ten-day international conference on elementary particles — the most advanced branch of fundamental atomic physics — which begins tomorrow at Bombay will be attended by seventeen well-known foreign scientists including two Nobel Prize winners.

Organized by the Tata Institute of Fundamental Research, the conference will discuss the most recently discovered experimental facts concerning the elementary particles, their interactions and transformations. The conference will also study the theoretical and mathematical description of these elementary particles and the successes, limitations and difficulties of such theories.

Besides world eminent physicists from a dozen countries in Europe, America and Asia, all the eminent Indian physicists are also expected to attend the conference.

The foreign scientists will be the guests of the Government of India and will attend the Indian Science Congress at Bangalore from January two to January ten.

This is the first high-level scientific conference of its type to be held in India. In view of the unique of the occasion, opportunity will be give to about 100 workers in this subject from all over the country to attend as observers while the Indian Atomic Energy Commission will give financial assistance in special cases.

ANOTHER CONGRESS

Simultaneously with the session of the Indian Science Congress will be held the Pan Indian Ocean Science Congress at Bangalore. It will be an eight-day session. The Government of India had extended invitations to various Governments to send delegates nominated by their leading research academies to attend the Congress, following a proposal made by Australia for such a conference. Delegates from Australia, New Zealand, Burma, Ceylon, Indonesia, Iran, Malaya, Pakistan and Thailand, are expected to attend the conference.

The purpose of this Congress is to discuss and promote concerted action in regard to scientific problems specially affecting industrial progress, agriculture, health and commercial interests of peoples living around the Indian Ocean.

The foreign scientists, who are expected to attend the international conference of elementary particles as well as the Indian Science Congress include Prof. C F Powell (Nobel prize winner this year) Prof P M S Blackett, Leprince-Ringues, R S Peierls. 1 Waller, M. Schein, F. Perrin, L Rose field P Fleury, C Moller, M S Vallarta, G Wentzel, N Feather, Dr. Abraham Wald, Prof. A W Mailvaganam and Prof. E Amladi.

I.H.F. XI TOY WITH BOMBAY TEAM

Rajugopal's Sterling Display Earns Him Five Goals

BOMBAY, Wednesday

RAJUGOPAL, the Indian Hockey Federation Eleven's wily left-inner toyed about with Bombay's defence and goal-keeper Leo Pinto to score five out of the six goals registered by his side against a haphazardly selected Bombay team that replied but once, in the last of the series of exhibition matches at the Cooperage arranged by the B.P.H.A. in honour of the side that will tour East Africa.

Rajugopal has been seen to perform wonders with his stick in the past, but his performance for the I.H.F. XI reached its utmost brilliance this evening completely overshadowing the other quartette Deshamuttu in goal gave a spirited display. Dube and Hardayal impressed, but Gurbachan felt very neglected. George Pereira as centre half proved slow for his side.

Owen Ferreira took full marks in defence, especially after Roberts replaced Carvalho at the last moment, to give a none too good account of himself. Kenneth L. Febour and Anthony Braganza worked hard in the attack, but Le Febour missed some good chances of scoring. Both outer L. Fernandes and Coutinho were well marked, to make the game more fanned out. The Intermediate line, Middlecoat, Amir Kumar and Poonawalla though well beaten, worked hard throughout.

Crossing over to the other end the I.H.F. XI were able to open their account through left-inner Rajugopal who pushed ball past Leo Pinto who failed even to sight the ball in the fifth minute of play.

Seven minutes later, Hardayal showed his wonderful form with the stick when he dribbled his way right up to goalmouth and pushed the ball past Leo Pinto who could do nothing in the matter of saving.

Two minutes later Leo Pinto was caught napping by a first time shot from Rajugopal who scored his sides third goal.

Attempts to save the fair name of Bombay were now in evidence as pressure was applied in the I.H.F. area. An open chance was missed by K. Le Febour who had just to beat goalie, Deshamuttu but shot wide.

However, Bombay earned their reward from a series of infringements on the part of the I.H.F. players which terminated in a penalty corner being converted by Poonawalla in the nineteenth minute of play shooting through Deshamuttu's windowed pads.

The score at half time stood at three—one in favour of the I.H.F. and seven minutes from the restart Rajugopal sent in one of his lovely scoops off a pass from Hardayal to beat Pinto from close up.

Two chances were down Bombay's way, but K. Le Febour shot wide and Joe D'Mello saw Deshamuttu save with a sweeping stick.

Midway through this period Rajugopal sent in another of his left flicks past Leo to give his side their fifth goal. A few minutes before the end Rajugopal rounded off a brilliant performance by toying with the Bombay defence and goalie and then scooping it high up.

The I.H.F. XI to tour East Africa leaves by air on December 15.

The teams were:—

INDIAN HOCKEY FEDERATION XI:— Deshamuttu; Wahidullah, Gentle; Cladius, George Pereira, Perumal; Dube, Babu, Hardayal, Rajugopal Gurbachan.

BOMBAY XI:— Leo Pinto; O. Ferreira, Roberts; A. Middlecoat, Amir Kumar, Poonawalla; L. Fernandes, J. D'Mello, K. Le Febour, A. Braganza, F. Coutinho.

Umpires:— A. Pearce and A. J. Francis.

ANOTHER DEFEAT

Earlier in the evening, Bombay Port Trust "B" once more suffered a reverse this time at the hands of Dockyard "B" in the Second Division of the B.P.H.A. League at the Cooperage. The Dockyard side won by two clear goals. Both goals were scored by Colombowalla.

In the Day's Sport

HOCKEY

Cooperage:

2-45 p.m. G. S. M. vs St. Xavier's (Inter College) ....

3-45 p.m. Blue Wizards vs Young Sports "B" (Second Division).

4-45 Lusitanians "B" vs V. J. T. I. (First Division).

Parsi Cyclists Ground:

3-10 p.m. G.I.P. "C" vs Xavier's "D"

41-0 p.m. Metal Box vs Cook's S C (Third Division).

BILLIARDS

Byculla Y.M.C.A.

6 p.m. Mrs. Sheru H. Karim (plus 125) vs. B. R. Hollinson (—225) (Alec Sequeira Cup).

CRICKET

Elphinstone College Ground, Oval.

10-30 a.m. Siddarth College vs Ruia College (last day of Inter-College Tournament).

Mottrams Win Mixed Title

INTERNATIONAL LAWN TENNIS

LAHORE, Dec. 13, (PTI).

The following are the results of left-over final matches in the second International Lawn Tennis Championships played here today:

MIXED DOUBLES: Mr. and Mrs. Mottram beat J. Drobuy and Mrs. Rita Anderson 4/6, 6/3, 6/4.

VETERANS DOUBLES:— Jamil Razi and Justice Shabbir beat M. Sleem and Justice Rehman 6/4. 5/7, 6/4.

In an exhibition match Redl and Huber beat Carmona and Deyro 4/6, 6/1, 6/4, 1/6, 6/3.

MADAN AND NARESH IN SEMI-FINALS

Bengal Lawn Tennis Championships

CALCUTTA, Dec. 13 (PTI)

K. B. Madan entered the semifinals of the Bengal Lawn Tennis Championships this evening beating Rajen Banerji of U.P. at 6-3, 6-2. Madan meets Sumant Misra on Friday. Naresh Kumar also earned the right to meet T. Shewramani in the other semifinal at the cost of E. Abrecht at 6-2, 6-3.

The following are the results:—

Men's Singles (Quarterfinals)

K. B. Madas beat Rajen Banerji, 6-3, 6-2; Naresh Kumar beat E. Abrecht, 6-2, 6-3.

Ladies Singles (Second Round)

Miss Rita Davar beat Miss S. Powvala, 6-1, 6-3.

Mixed Doubles (Second Round)

J. Withnell and Mrs. C.E. Cargin beat R.F. Stroud and Mrs. F.C. Kidd, 3-6, 6-3, 6-1; Ivan Alexy and Miss V Alexy beat P. N. Murti and Miss Rita Davar, 6-8, 6-3, 6-4.

MODI'S HEROIC BID FAILS

Ferreira's Narrow Win In Alec Sequeira Cup

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

P. S. Modi (minus 150) made a heroic effort in the concluding part of the match this evening at the Byculla Y. M. C. A. in the Alec Sequeira Cup Tandicap Billiards Tournament, but could not catch up with D.H. Ferreira (minus 125), who went on to win at 250-247.

Ferreira was leading throughout the game and as every minute passed he was putting more and more distance between him and his opponent. Fifteen minutes before it was all over, the score was Modi 127, Ferreira 168. Then Modi came out with an inspired game, and playing with remarkable consistency and concentration hit up 120 points in that quarter of an hour. But at 247, with only three points wanted for going home a winner, he got stuck, while Ferreira undaunted reached the 250 mark first.

Modi's major breaks were 28 and 22, while the winner had 26, 20, 23 and 32 as his principal breaks.

SYDENHAM BEATEN RATHER EASILY

Inter-College Hockey League

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

Khalsa College thrashed Sydenham College to the extent of four goals to nil in the Inter Collegiate Hockey League at the Cooperage this evening.

Khalsa had things much to their liking in the first session. They scored on three occasions through Jagdale Alva and Alphonso, while the fourth and final goal came in the second session through Barretto.

AUSTRALIAN TEAM FOR SECOND TEST

Chosen But Awaits Formal Approval

ADELAIDE, Dec. 13 (PTI-Reuter).

Australia's team for the Second Test was chosen tonight but will not be announced until tomorrow.

The names of the players chosen by the selectors must first be submitted to the 13 members of the Australian Board of Control for approval. The match begins in Melbourne on December 22.

It is generally expected that the team will show little, if any, change from that which beat England in the rain-spoiled opening Test at Brisbane.

A NAME WITH A TALE

BRISBANE, Dec. 12 (PTI-Reuter):

Brisbane Cricket ground where the M.C.C.'s team lost the first test on a wet wicket is called Woolloongabba. No one seems to know exactly what this means.

A museum ethnologist said it was an aboriginal word and the first part meant "plenty" but he hadn't a clue what "Gabba" meant. He would not venture a guess as to whether the "plenty" referred to runs or rain.

A columnist said according to his information Woolloongabba meant "the place of the whip-tailed Wallaby".

M.C.C. DRAW WITH S. DISTRICTS

Unbeaten Centuries By Sheppard And Close

CANBERRA, December 13, (PTI-Reuter): —David Sheppard and Brain Close each made an unbeaten century for the MCC against New South Wales Southern District here today putting on 179 for the unfinished fourth wicket partnership.

The two day match ended in a draw.

The M.C.C. batting in their second innings today was bright and enterprising in contrast to their laborious display yesterday.

Sheppard and Close who both hit 105 not out returned to their best form opportunely as the Second Test is ony nine days away. Close showed particular strength on the leg side which had been his weakest point in recent games. Sixtyfour of his runs came from boundaries. Sheppard who batted three hours hit one six, one five and nine fours.

The pitch was watered and rolled in mistake at the end of yesterday's play and this made it play easier today.

When the home side's innings ended 16 short of the MCC score N. Hedditch was unconquered for a fine fiftytwo—top scorer for his team.

The following were the scores:

M.C.C. (1st Innings) 180

S. DISTRICTS (1st Innings)

G. Russell l.b.w. b. Wright 35, R. Hutchins c. Close b. Bailey 1. G. Findlay b. Bedser 0, M. Hanna b. Wright 17, M. Rudd l.b.w. b. Wright 2, N. Hedditch not out 52, J. Robinson c. Sheppard b. Bedser 27, T. Freebody l.b.w. b. Brown 21, R. Travers l.b.w. b. Bailey 2, J. Backen b. Bailey 3, B. Robin l.b.w. b. Bailey 1, Extras 3, TOTAL 164.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1/2; 2/5: 3/39; 4/47; 5/68; 6/111; 7/147; 8/156; 9/160; 10/164.

BOWLING ANALYSIS:— Bailey 11/1/39/4; Wright 12/1/43/3; Brown 7/0/24/1; Close 2/0/12/0; Bedser 11/1/43/2.

M.C.C. (Second Innings)

L. Hutton b. Robinson 54, D. Sheppard not out 105, J. Dewes c. Rudd b. Robinson 5, G. Parkhouse c. Russell b. Travers 4, B. Close not out 105, Extras 8, TOTAL (for 3 wkts.) 281.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1/87, 2/95; 3/102.

BOWLING ANALYSIS: Robin 4/1/14/0; Backen 5/1/29/0; Robinson 11/1/55/2; Travers 9/0/55/1; Hedditch 6/0/38/0; Hanna 3/0/26/0, Rudd 3/0/30/0; Freebody 3/0/26/0.

VICTORIA'S RACE AGAINST CLOCK

Thrilling Win Over Queensland

MELBOURNE, Dec. 13, (PTI-Reuter):— Set to score 256 in 195 minutes Victoria pulled off a dashing victory by seven wickets against Queensland in the Sheffield Shield match here today.

They immediately chased the runs and knocked them of with 20 minutes to spare.

It was lively and entertaining cricket which contrasted strongly with the dull play of the preceding three days.

Queensland after making 270 for nine wickets declared in the first innings, scored 307 in their second innings and were mainly indebted to Harvey (63), Mackay (62) and Tallon (58).

Victoria hit up 322 in their first innings and 259 for the second.

Their opening pair Meuleman (68) and Howard (74) quickly showed today that they were going to make a bid for victory when they began Victoria's second innings.

50 KILOMETRES WALK IN BOMBAY

B. S. A. A. A. Go Ahead With Events

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

The Bombay State Amateur Athletic Federation that has just received official recognition from the Amateur Atheletic Federation of India are holding a 50 kilometer walk on Friday, December 22 along the Queen's Road—Marine Drive circuit.

The walk will start at 7 a.m. from the Eros Cinema traffic island and will go along Queen's Road, Sandhurst Bridge, Marine Drive and Churchgate Street extension for 7 laps. The eight lap will not be a complete one, but will end at the south end of Government Central Press on the Marine drive side.

No entrance fees will be charged, but names should be submitted before December 20th to Mr. Ullal Rao, c/o the Taj Mahal Hotel, Apollo Bunder, Bombay. The selection of Bombay's representatives in this particular event will depend on these results.

Scindia Gold Cup Winners

The Madhya Bharat Police team won the Scindia Gold Cup Hockey Tournament which concluded in Gwalior recently, defeating O. T. Railway team from Gorakhpur in the final. The picture shows the Chief Minister of Madhya Bharat, Hon'ble Shri Takhtamal Jain giving away the Gold Cup to Kailash, the captain of the winning team.

SIDDARTH ASSURED OF CHAMPIONSHIP

Kenny's Unbeaten Century In Inter-College Final

BOMBAY, Wednesday

WITH a lead of 454 runs and four wickets in hand and only a day's play left, the Siddarth College can be said to be in an unassailable position in the Inter-College Cricket final, and the Northcote Shield and the Rahimtulla Cup are almost certain remain in their keeping for the coming year.

A sparkling unbeaten century by the promising young batsman R. B. Kenny, and useful knocks by Rege (71) and Dadachandji (61) enabled the Siddarth College to end the third day's play in the final against the Ruia College with 350 runs for the loss of six of their batsmen.

A lead of 104 runs on the first innings will stand them in good stead, and if the match ends in a draw tomorrow, the Siddarth College win the championship by virtue of this first innings lead.

Kenny, who remained unbeaten with 119 runs to his credit had sixteen fours in his score, and his unbroken partnership for the seventh wicket with A. A. Shaikh (batting with 40) has so far added 83 runs.

The following were the scores:—

Siddarth College (1st Innings) .. 273

Ruia College (1st Innings) 169

Siddarth College (2nd Innings)

N. Billimoria b Karnik 0. H. M. Dadachanji c Korgaonkar b Nanjudiah 61. S. P. Bhatia b Korgaonkar 16. R. V. Rege b Korgaonkar 71. R. B. Kenny batting 119. B. J. Govadia b Nanjudiah 2. N. S. Tamhane run out 31. A. A. Shaikh batting 40. B. F. Cooper, R. N. Ranshinge and S. V. Nadkarni to bat. Extras 10. TOTAL (for six wickets) 350.

Fall of wickets: 1/0; 2/48; 3/131; 4/182; 5/202; 6/267.

Bowling Analysis: Karnik 31-12-60-1; Walawalkar 17-6-50-0; Korgaonkar 21-1-83-2; Jog 13-0-51-0; Nanjudiah 12-0-52-2; Khanolkar 5-0-20-0; Kamath 3-0-26-0.

DR. KANGA LIBRARY A GREAT ASSET

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

India's first public cricket library was declared open at the Brabourne Stadium this evening in the presence of distinguished sportsmen by Mr. Justice S. R. Tendolkar, President of the Bombay Cricket Association.

The library dedicated to the memory of a great cricketer even a greater sportsman, the late Dr. H. D. Kanga, has an extensive collection of books on sports and games, donated by many admirers of the late Dr. Kanga. The Dr. H. D. Kanga Memorial Library was planned by the Bombay Cricket Association as tribute to the memory of that great sportsman.

Mr. Justice Tendolkar, who declared the library open made many personal references to the late Dr. Kanga whose interest in the development of the game and its administration is wellknown.

Of the 700 books in the library, located in the corridor of the North Stand of the Brabourne Stadium, the majority are on cricket, but those responsible for collecting the books have left no stone unturned to collect books on practically every form of outdoor game. Some of the books are the only available copies, since they have gone out of print.

A very great number of local sportsmen and students should be able to make use of the library to very great advantage, and the fee that is kept is exceedingly nominal viz. Rs. 2/- quarterly.

Asian Table Tennis In February

KANPUR, Dec. 13, (PTI).

The Asian Table Tennis Championship will be played in Delhi or Calcutta some time in February next, it is reliably learnt here.

Teams from Australia, Hongkong, Indonesia and Singapore are expected to participate in the Championships, while on their way to Vienna for the World Table Tennis Championships.

MUGWE AND ULLAL WIN STIFF MATCH

National Badminton Championships

NAGPUR, Dec. 13, (PTI).

Madhya Pradesh today won four mixed double sets in the first round of the All-India Badminton Championship now being played here. The thrilling match of the day was between B. S. Tapadia, partnered by Miss Khare, and the better-combined U.P. pair, Seth and left-handed Mrs. David.

In the men's doubles series. Bombay champions Mugwe and Ullal, in their fine form, overcame a stiff fight put up by the East Punjab pair Darshan and Ajit Singh by 15/8 and 15/9. The left-handed exchanges between Mugwe and Ajit Singh with Ullal interposing for his finishing smashes delighted the crowd immensely.

COMMONWEALTH TEAM ARRIVES IN NAGPUR

NAGPUR, Dec. 13 (PTI).

The Commonwealth cricket team arrived here today from Indore by air for a three day match against the Madhya Pradesh Governor's XI beginning here on Friday, December 15.

In the Governor's XI, which has already been announced, G. S. Ramchand of Bombay will take Gul Mohammad's place.

A. I. R., Nagpur will broadcast a running commentary on the match daily from 10-30 a.m. to 12-15 p.m. and 3-30 p.m. to 4-45 p.m.

East Punjab University's Narrow Lead Over Banaras

LUCKNOW, Dec. 13 (PTI).

Banaras University in their first innings today scored 159 runs in reply to East Punjab University's total of 169 in the first semi-final of the North Zone Inter-University Cricket Tournament.

At the close of play East Punjab University collected 50 runs at the cost of three wickets in their second innings.

CALCUTTA RACES

Handicaps For Saturday

CALCUTTA, Dec. 13.

Following are the handicaps of the Calcutta Races, First Meeting, Fourth Day, to be held on Saturday, December 16. First race will start at 1-15 p.m.

The Burdwan Cup. (Class I) 1 1.4 miles.

Fair Ray 9-4 Kinderson 8-12 Silver Sage 8-8, Boy Blue 8-5, Pilot Sergeant 8-4, Orcades 8-4, Star Blossom 8-4 Knight Marshall 8-3, Grand Title 7-13, White Cokade II 7-11, Selector 7-7 Foxbridge Bay 7-4.

TheCoventry Plate (Class II) 1 Mile.

Khosima 9-4 Bold Bob 9-3, Jacquemont 9-3, Amidships 9-0, Turkestan 8-12, Kirkwick 8-12, Motley Hill 8-11, Bravo 8-9 The Last Minstrel 8-8, Willy Nilly 8-6 Magic 8-2, Olney 8-9, Pharaoh Fan 8-0, China 8-0 Illusion 7-13, Karboo 7-12, Windy Well 7-8, Hindustan Zindabad 7-8, Chicken Feed 7-7, Squanderer 7-4.

The Lingfield Plate. (Class II)—1 1/4 Miles.

Spring Poem 9-5, Peder 9-5 Miss Amoya, 9-2, Arcadian Prince 9-3, Aberdour 9-0, Fragrant Champa 8-13, Harjon 8-13 Tiller 8-12, Nan Duskin 8-11 Audacious 8-11, Broielov 8-9, Early Act 8-8, Wings 8-6, King Tudor 8-6, Solo 8-5, Gilon 8-5, Field Star 8-3, Easy Passage 8-3, Legend of Samoa 8-0, The Little Lord 7-12 Cutie 7-12, Pacifier 7-10, Daramul 7-5, Kundan 7-4 Escapade 7-4.

The Meerut Plate (Class IV)— 1 1/4 Miles.

Legent Light 9-4, Eastern Mascot 9-3, Desert Kid 8-13, Varia 8-12 Antecedence 8-8, Ma Belle 8-7, Apollo 8-4, Battle Out 8-2 Nea Hellas 8-0, Lourdes 8-0 Egyptian Belle 7-13, Red Rival 7-13, Hong Kong 7-12, Mherbani 710 Rang Rao 7-4.

The Cox Bazar Plate. (Class A, Div. I)— 1 Mile.

Corn Flower 9-4, Disguised Princess 9-0, Dutch Doll 8-13 Desert Law 8-12, Liquorice 8-11 Celeste 8-10, Prince Jehangir 8-8, Dulhan 8-3, Tabassum 83, D F C 8-2, Bold Boy 7-12, Eastern Amber 7-10.

The Cox Bazar Plate. (Class A, Div. II)—1 Mile.

Yodler 9-6 Irish Poppy 9-0 Melondonderry 8-13, Peace 8-13, Shookariya 8-8 Pagasiacci 8-7, Sunburst 8-4, Queen of Banockburn 8-3, Oratory 8-0 Harvest King 8-0, Tarhua 8-0 Smiling Morn 7-9, Shady Nook 7-8, Rythm 7-6, Plugger 7-4.

ALL BETS WILL NOW BE TAXED

W. Bengal Ordinance On Calcutta Racing

CALCUTTA, Dec. 13, (PTI).

The West Bengal Government have, by an Ordinance, altered the tax on betting on horse-racing from twenty per cent on winning bets to twelve and a half per cent on all bets.

Whereas in the past the Government tax (of twenty per cent) deductable in respect of bets made with licensed bookmakers had been on winning bets only, the Ordinance provides for a tax of twelve and half per cent on all monies tendered by a backer to a licensed bookmaker. No deductions will be made in respect of actual winnings.

In respect of a credit bet the backer will be debited with tax at twelve and a half per cent on the amount originally invested.

As regards the totalisator the Government tax will continue to be deducted as heretofore on the amount of the total pool, but hereafter the deduction will be at the rate of twelve and a half per cent and not twenty per cent.

The Secretary of the Royal Calcutta Turf Club said the costs of tickets sold through the totalisator will not be altered as a result of the ordinance.

Exhibition Tennis At Dacca And Chittagong

DACCA, Dec. 13 (PTI).

International tennis stars now participating in the Asian Lawn Tennis Tournament at Lahore will play exhibition matches at Chittagong on December 19, and at Dacca on December 20, 21 and 22.

Those who are participating include Jaroslav Drobny (Egypt), Irvin Dorfman, Miss Dorothy Head, and Miss Rita Anderson of U.S.A., Deyro and Carmona of Philippines and Iftikhar Ahmed of Pakistan.

Handicaps For Sunday Races

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

Following are the handicaps for the Seventh Day of Bombay Winter Races to be held on Sunday, the 17th December at the Mahalaxmi Race Course:—

THE INDIAN 1,000 GUINEAS (1950) 1 Mile

Agni Mani 8-7, Nava Ratna 8-7, Mohabat 8-7, Imprudence 8-7, Piarehind 8-7, Rumbita 8-7, Kensington 8-7, Rafat 8-7, Sundri 8-7, Amorette 8-7, Nagarpalika 8-7, Masked Lady 8-7, Modesty II 8-7, Gay Radha 8-7, Fairy Way 8-7, Monkiss 8-7.

THE BARODA CUP—1 Mile

Zam Zam 9-4, Eastern Sea 9-4, Swing Bridge 9-0, Rana Pratap 8-12, Aman 8-11, Whatagift 8-10, Firmament 8-10, Beldara 8-10, Tisco 8-9, Raghu 8-9, Padmini 8-8, Rim Jhim 8-7, Fight of Fancy 8-7, Boop's Fancy 8-7, Doorani 8-4, New Moon 8-4, Majestic Way 8-2, National Flag 8-1, Manzoor 8-1, Gang Bhup 8-1, Cocktop 8-1, Queen Anne 7-13, Masked Player 7-13, Fair Haven 7-11 Downpour 7-11, Ceylan 7-8, Rao Saheb 7-2.

THE VIRAR PLATE—1-1/4 Miles

Pay Master 9-2, Courage 9-1, Par Excellence 8-13 The Girl Friend 8-9, Adeline 8-6, Game Bid 8-4, Mack 8-3, Dragon Seed 8-2, Saita 8-1 Ayaaz 8-0, Happy Go Lucky 7-12.

This race will be ridden by Indian Jockeys, Half Jockeys and Apprentice Jockeys with allowances.

THE KARACHI PLATE—(Div. 1)—7 Furs.

Reviera 9-2, Royal Guard 8-10, Panditji 8-10, Rashtrapati 8-10, Prometheus 8-9, Pick Money 8-8, Down South 8-7, Philsooph 8-6, Gold Street 8-5, Embarkation 8-5. Marie Louise 8-4, Georgette 8-4, Chandroos 8-4, Anant Lakshmi 8-3, The Roarer 8-3, Find Out 8-3, Flying Clipper 8-2, Gold Spa 8-1, Makarpura 7-13, Kensington 7-11.

This race will be ridden by Indian Jockeys, Half Jockeys and Apprentice Jockeys with allowances.

THE KARACHI PLATE—(Div. II)—7 Furs.

Time Bomb 9-3, Gay Radha 9-2, Kennereth 9-1, Glory of India 9-1, Samurai 8-12, Just Wait 8-10, Kurleshwari 8-9, Put All 8-9, Irish Right 8-7, Don't Be Silly 8-4, Pretty Town 8-2, Flying Princess 8-1, Fowzia 8-1, Morton Daisy 7-13 Great Lady 7-13, Tamanna 7-12, Futurity 7-11, Lerins 7-11, Little Star 7-10, King's Star 7-9, Lochinvar 7-7.

THE KANARA PLATE—1-1/4 Miles

Dagania 9-6, Gitanjali 9-4, Oasis 9-1, Banswiale 9-1, Imroz 9-0, Loyal Prince 8-12, Fashion Parade 8-12, Botticelli 8-8, Army and Navy 8-8, Hirohito 8-8, Firdaussi 8-7, Lake Success 8-6, Striding Edge 8-5, Dry Day 8-3, V. Day 8-3, Morning 8-2, Desert Hawk 8-2, Triple Alliance 7-13, Chhoti Begum 7-13, Odds Again 7-8, Gay Boy 7-8, Brilliant Sunshine 7-4, King's Pleasure 7-0, Miss Rutty 7-0.

THE DIVA PLATE—1 Mile

Liberator 9-0, Way Out 9-0, Ali Janab, 9-0, Bessemer 9-0, Eremitage 9-0, Ballynahinch 9-0, All-in-All 9-0, Starshell 9-0, Janab-E-Ali 9-0 Casanova 9-0, Sajan 9-0, Incitatus 9-0, Krishnakamal 8-11, Mexico 8-11, Harlem Day 8-11, Clementine 8-11, Pannihari 8-11, Sheribeen 8-11, Perhaps 8-11, Arcona 8-11, Anasuya 8-11.

This race will be ridden by Indian Jockeys, Half Jockeys and Apprentice Jockeys with allowances.

THE GHOLVAD PLATE—(Div. I) 5 Furs.

Lucky Guard 8-7, Sha'ar-E-Nau 8-7, Duke of Hanover 8-7, Rana Sanga 8-7, Fulhurst 8-7, Phoenix Lad 8-7, Solid Gold 8-7, Fitz Call 8-7, Well Away 8-7, Gold Star 8-7.

THE GHOLVAD PLATE—(Div. II) 5 Furs.

Eudora 8-7, Noorani 8-7, Pigeon Post 8-7, Many Returns 8-7, Certainty 8-7, Border Prince 8-7, Mayurdhvaj 8-7, Shikari 8-7, Marshall Plan 8-7, Chilkhat 8-7, Galloper 8-7.

This race will be ridden by Indian Jockeys, Half Jockeys and Apprentice Jockeys with allowances.

MASHRUWALA TO LEAD BOMBAY UNIVERSITY

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

The following players have been selected to represent the Bombay University in the Inter-University Cricket Tournament against the Hyderabad University:—

K. C. Mashruwala (E.C. & I.S.) Captain, C. T. Patankar (Ruia), C. S. Korgaonkar (Ruia), T. K. Kamath (Ruia), M. D. Irani (St. Xavier's), Jagdish Sheth (St. Xaviers), D. M. Engineer (St. Xaviers), M. L. Apte (E.C. & I.S.), V. M. Kothare (E.C. &I.S.), H. M. Dadachanji (Siddarth) and S. V. Nadkarni (Siddarth).

Reserves: N. S. Tamhane (Siddarth), R. H. Bandodkar (G. S. Medical) and S. S. Anandkar (E.C. & I.S.).

The team will leave for Hyderabad on 23rd December by the Madras Mail from Victoria Terminus at 10-15 p.m. The match will be played there from 26th December onwards.

PATHARE KSHATRIYA ATHLETIC MEET

An athletic meet organised by the Pathare Khastriya Samaj, and under the auspices of the State Athletic Association, will be held at the St. Xavier's College Gymkhana ground, Parel, on 31st December next at 2 p.m.

Events both for men and women open as well as juniors from the age of 12, will be competed for, and the entries which close on 23rd December at 2 p.m., should be sent to Mr. N. H. Mantri, c/o. Vanmalli Hall, Chhabildas Road, Dadar, or Mr. B. H. Mhatre c/o. P. K. V. Samaj, Gamdevi, or P. S. Parelkar, Oriental Bldg. (claims Dept.) Fort.

Mysore Team For National Table Tennis Championships

(From Our Correspondent)

BANGALORE, Dec. 7: Mysore's team for the Inter-State Table Tennis Championship to be held at Colombo during the last week of December will be Captained by C. Ramaswamy. The other members of the team are M. V. S. Vittal, K. S. Krishnaswamy, K. V. Rajarao and T. S. S. Ienagar.

Miss J. B. Tarapore, Miss R. Dotiwala and Mrs. Hawley will participate in the women's events.

Our Sports Readers' Views

VETERANS SHOULD PLAY YOUNGSTERS

(One of our readers, Mr. Fragji J. Dossa is of the firm belief that some of the "Old Brigade" like Col. C K Nayudu and Prof. D B Deodhar are still good enough to give our present day lads a lesson in bright cricket, and that a match between the Veterans and the Youngsters should definitely be arranged. We publish below his letter to the President of the Board of Control for Cricket in India).

Mr. A. S De Mello,
President,
Board of Control for Cricket in India
Sir

I came to know through papers that a cricket match is to be played in aid of Assam Relief Fund between Commonwealth XI and Indian XI in Bombay on March 3 5, 5, 6, 1951.

I have been taking keen interest is Sports and have been broadcasting from A. I. Radio time to time.

During the course of the recent matches played against Commonwealth XI, I could find that people still like to see Col. C. K. Naydu, Prof Deodhar and other giants of the past is action. I would suggest a match be played between Veterans (Over 35 years of age) and Youngsters (under 35 years).

The team of Veterans, I am suggesting hereby still possess life and fire in their game and am sure will attract large number of crowds. You will agree with me that players of past had more leaning towards brighter cricket which we hardly find in pesent times. There was fire, dash and attack, whether batting, bowling or fielding was concerned. Besides, every now and then reference is made by old and young about these celebrities practically all the time. These people attract more than the youngsters, of whom hardly 80 per cent of the crowd is aware of.

The following should comprice the two teams sugested by me.

The Team of Veterans: Nawab of Pataudi, Col. C K Naydu, Prof. D B Deodhar, J G Navle, L P Jai, S M Joshi, V M Merchant, V S Hazare, Vinoo Mankad, S N Banerjee, S Mustaqali, Reserves: J Naomal, P E Palia, K R Meheromji.

The Youngsters: D Phadkar R S Mody, P Umrigar, M K Mantri or Rajendranath Kishanchand, H Adhikari, Sohoni, Sindhe, S Gupte, N Chowdhari, Manjrekar, Reserves: D K Gaikwad, Gulam Ahmed Ramchand.

I earnestly hope you will give full consideration to my above suggestion.

—Fragji Dossa.

ACTIVE DEMAND FOR TATA STEEL SHARES

Sten Press SUB-ATOMIC CONFERENCE

Scindias Move Up On Renewed Buying

BOMBAY, Dec. 13.

The Bombay Stock Exchange ruled very steady today on increased demand for Tata Steel shares. There was scattered realising in Mill shares but Scindias were in good demand. The market sentiment remains bullish and buyers are confidently looking for higher prices.

Large defence programmes in U.S.A. and European countries are having effect on the local market. There is a big demand for Iron and Steel in world markets at higher prices and it is anticipated that the Government will have to make an upward revision of steel prices in this country. The rising trend in production of steel is expected to earn more profits for steel companies and naturally there is more disposition to buy on all declines.

At the opening Tata Steel Defds. were quoted at Rs. 1867-8 and declined at Rs. 1862-8 under scattered profit-taking but again firmed up at Rs. 1872-8 on renewed buying. Ordinary shares opened at Rs. 359 and advanced at Rs. 361. Indian Irons were quoted at Rs. 31-15 and Bengal Steels were done at Rs. 22-12.

Bombay Dyeing shares opened at Rs. 1031-4 and after declining at Rs. 1026-4 steadied at Rs. 1027-8. Kohinoor Mill shares opened at Rs. 343 and steadied at Rs. 342. Nagpurs were done at Rs. 264 and Simplex shares were quoted at Rs. 274. Svadeshi Mill shares improved at Rs. 311.

Scindia shares advanced at Rs. 16-10 while Bombay Burmas were quoted at Rs. 496. Associated Cement shares came in business at Rs. 176.

Later on there was further buying support and Tata Steel Defds. advanced at Rs. 1878/12 and steadied at Rs. 1876/4. Ordinary Shares were done at Rs. 361/8. Bombay Dyeings were quoted at Rs. 1028/12 and Scindia Shares were placed at Rs. 16/11 with good demand.

Later on there was increased buying and Tata Steel Wefds. advanced at Rs. 1,885 and ordinary shares hardened at Rs. 362-4. Bombay Dyeings improved at Rs. 1.031-4 and Kohinoors after being quoted at Rs. 344 closed at Rs. 343, Scindia Shares reached at Rs. 16-9-6 after touching the level of Rs. 16-12, closing tone was very steady.

After the close there was further improvement and Tata Steel Defds. were quoted at Rs. 1893/12 to Rs. 1895/- at 5 p.m. Today there was heavy short covering which in conjunction with bull support pushed up Tata Steel Shares which are likely to reach new high levels.

FORWARD SECTION

MILL SHARES		
Bombay Dyeing (7-8)	1032	8
Kohinoor Mill (6)	343	0
Swadeshi Mills (14)	318	0
Central India Mills (6)	265	0
Simplex Mills (11)	279	0
New Great Eastern (3-2)	173	0
Indore (4)	131	4
Gokak (11)	248	8
Century Spinng (6)	281	4
India Bleaching (8)	180	0
Swan (20)	363	0
Finlay Mills (15)	288	0
Morarji (4-8)	182	8
Edward (15)	281	4
Meyer (6)	83	12
Apollo Mills (As. 4)	3	3 9
India United Ord. (0-12-6)	13	11 6
India United Defd. (0-2-0)	2	3 3
Madhusudan (15)	155	0
Podar (9)	138	12
Khatau (7)	186	4
STEELS		
Tata Steel Ord. (16)	362	4
Tata Steel Defd. (79-5)	1885	0
Tata Steel 2nd Pref. (7-8)	138	4
CEMENT		
Associated Cement (7)	176	0
INDUSTRIES		
Burma (15)	493	12
Belapur (12-8)	283	0
Shivrajpur (1-3)	56	0
Scindia Steam	16-9-6	
Premier Construction (4)	127	0
Tata Chemical	14	6
Tata Oil (1)	44	8
Indian Iron (1)	31	15
Bengal Steel (0-10)	22	14
British India Corp. (0-9)	9	6
India Copper	3-1-9	
Wimco (11)	265	14
Alcock (28-2)	346	4
ELECTRIC SHARES		
Andhra Valley (45) XD	1485	0
Tata Hydro (4-8) XD	159	8
Tata Power (50) XD	1618	12

CASH SECTION

COTTON MILLS		
Elphinstone (15)	60	0
Phoenix (6)	120	10
Indian Mfg. (40)	33550	0
Kuria (78)	121	4
Colaba (6)	77	8
New City (11)	190	0
Minerva (12)	132	4
Bradbury	453	4
Bharucha	4	12
Bharat (2)	27	4
Mysore Defd. (4) XD	163	12
Madhavji (0-12-0)	12	0
Model Mills (12-8)	146	8
Lakshmi Cotton (25)	610	0
Vishnu Cotton (6)	201	4
Standard (15)	240	0
Sholapur (200)	3060	0
Sassoon Cotton Mills (0-8-0)	27	3
Hindustan Mills (40) XD	3410	0
Tata Mills (2)	51	4
Ahmedabad Advance (9)	220	10
Sassoon Silk (2-10)	35	0
New Union Mills (0-8)	25	10
Madhusudan S (2-8)	32	0
Shrinivas Mills (12-8)	180	0
Raja Bahadur (4)	60	0
Berar	260	0
Victoria Mills	225	0
ELECTRIC (CASH)		
Ahmedabad Electric (1-8)	115	0
Ahmedabad New (0-14-4)	112	0
Surat Electric (5)	140	0
Karachi Electric (2)	127	8
Broach (0-5)	6	1
Ajmer Electricity (0-8)	10	2
Amalgamated (0-12)	11	10
Nagpur Electricity (1-12)	27	0
Poona Electric Supply (5-2)	125	0
Bombay Suburban (4-8)	148	12
Jalgaon	10	10
BANK SHARES		
Imperial Bank of India (40)	990	0
Imperial Bank P. (10)	491	4
Central Bank (1-8)	79	8
Central Bank New (1-8)	80	0
Bank of India (3)	178	0
Union (0-5)	7	1 6
Baroda (2-8)	127	12
Devkaran Nanjee Bank (1-8)	35	0
United Commercial (1-12)	46	0
Jaipur Bank (1-8)	37	0
Hindustan Commercial (1)	22	8
Mysore Bank (8)	865	0
Eastern Bank (14-9)	82	0
INSURANCE SHARES		
Oriental (125)	4315	0
Empire (10)	615	0
New India (2)	67	8
Jupiter (0-12)	14	8
Vulcan (1-10)	12	5
Ind. Mercantile	41	0
B.I.C.	16	5
Industrial and Prudential	28	4
Neptune	7	0
New Great	18	4
All India General	8	8
RAILWAY SHARES		
C. P (2-4)	114	0
MISCELLANEOUS SHARES		
Bombay Steam (10)	271	4
Bombay Burma New (5)	162	8
Burma Petrol	1 10	3
Kemp and Co (30)	342	8
Mackenzie (6)	91	0
Port Canning (3)	52	0
Zandu Pharmacy (7)	93	4
Industrial Invest Trust (3-12)	85	0
Dharamsey Chemical (4)	68	4
Mukund Iron	5	0
Dena Trust (0-12)	12	0
Alembic (15)	120	10
Supreme Industries	90	0
Bombay Uganda	65	12
Indian Cement (1937)	23	0
Walchand Nagar Industries (15)	166	4
United Motor	28	0
Bombay Safe Deposit (27)	785	0
Hydro Construction	19	2 6
Mahamadi Steam	100	0
Gujerat Motor	26	0
Sardar Carbonic XD	750	0
Harvey Press	310	0
Estrella Batteries	37	0
National Rayon	66	0
Bombay Cycle	34	0
Jost Co.	75	0
Digvijay Cement	70	0
PREFERENCE SHARES		
Tata Steel 1st (6) XD	195	0
Bengal Steel	116	4
Indian Iron	107	0
Andhra Valley (7)	1240	0
Tata Power (7-8)	1352	8
Hydro-Electric (7) XD	131	4
Bombay Steamer (6)	233	12
Central India (5)	632	8
Swadeshi Mills	130	0
Vishnu Mills (7)	676	4
Laxmi	275	0
New Great Mills (5-3)	215	0
Podar Mills (4)	95	0
Shrinivasa Mills	98	0
Elphinstone Mills (7)	109	0
Bradbury Mills (7-8)	345	0
Surat Electricity (3-4)	136	4
Pre Construction First	102	4
Pre Construction 2nd Pref	99	12
Amalgamated	115	0
Habib	72	0
Tata Chemical	132	8
Walchandnagar	12	15
Jupiter	92	8
Supreme	95	0
Meyer	92	0
Mackenzie (First)	85	0
Mackenzie (2)	127	8
Ahmedabad Advance	41	0
Mysore Mill	99	0
Standard	12	0
Madhusudhan	97	8
Khatau	94	8
Morarji	79	0
National Rayon	101	4
DEBENTURES		
Andhra 1952	98	14
Rubber Planting	101	0
Bombay Steamer	101	0
Indian Hume Pipe	106	0
Tata Power 1951		
Walchanagar (6)		
OUTSIDE SHARES		
Burma Corporation	2	12
New Victoria Mills	2	0
New Victoria Pref	4	0
Phalton (8)	130	8
Gold Mohor (20)	315	0
New Kaiser Hind	170	0
Sajjan Mills	100	0
Osmanshahi	116	0
Ajam Shahi	110	0
Air Services	3	12
Air India Tata	59	12
Hind Motor	6	2
Walchand Motor	52	0
India Steam	7	7
Tata Locomotive	94	0
Killick Industries XD	131	8

Record Of Actual Transactions In Shares

BOMBAY, Dec. 13

MILLS

A. Advance 220-10
Apollo 3-3 3-3-9
Bharat 27-8 27-4
B. Dyeing 1031-4 23-12 31-4 26-4 32-8
Bradbury Pref 330-10
C. India 263-8 62-8 65-8
Century 275 81-4
Colaba 77-4
Finlay 288-8 89 88
Gokak 249 47 48-8
I. U. Defd 2-3-3 2-3 2-3-3
I U. Ord 13-7-6 13-6 13-11 13-10-6
Indore 123-12 21-4 31-4
Khatau 190 86-4
Kohinoor 343 40-8 42-8 41 44 43
Meyer 83-12 80-10 83-12
Mysore 165 63-12
New Great 171 73
Phoenix 120-10
Podar 142-8 45 42-8 45
Sassoon Cotton 26-9 27-2
Simplex 274 72 74 73 74
Svadeshi 310-8 11 10 12 11 18
Tata Mills 51 50-8 51-4
Vishnu 201-4
B. Steam 266-4 72-8
Scindia 16-8 16-6 16-12 16-9-6

BANKS

Central 79-8 79-12 79-8
Central New 79-8 80
Imperial 1990
Imperial New 491-4
India 178
Union 7-1 7-1-6

U Commercial 45-8 46

ELECTRICS

Ahmedabad 115-5 15
Ahmedabad New 112
Andhra 1467-8 65
Suburban 147-8
Power 1615 18-12
Power Pref 1352-8
New India 67 67-8

STEELS

B. Steel 22-12 22-11 23 22-11 22-14
I. Iron 31-15 31-13 32 31-13 31-15
Tata Defd 1867-8 55 68-12 63-12 80 76-4 85 76-4 85
Tata Ord. 359-4 58-8 59 58 62 61 62-4
Tata IInd Pref 138-4 38-8 38-4

MISCELLANEOUS

Alcock 342-8 46-4
A.C.C. 175-12 76 75-4 76
Belapur 284 83
B.B. Old 495 93-2 98-2 93-12
B.B. New 163-12 61-4 62-8
B.B. Petrol 1-9-6 1-10 1-9-3
B.I.C. 9-4-6 9-6
Dharamsey 68
I. Copper 3-2-6 3-1-3 3-1-9
P. Const. 128 27
Shivrajpur 56 55-8 56-8 56
Tata Chem. 13-15 14-4 14-3 14-6
Tata Oil 44 43-12 44-8
Walchandnagar 171-4
Wimco 265 66-14

SPECIAL

National Rayon Pref 78-8 79
Mackenzie 81
Harway & Subhapatty Press 370 71-4

GOLD AND SILVER

BOMBAY, Dec. 13.

The local Bullion market was firm today with increased speculative buying in Silver while Gold was quiet on increased arrivals and restricted demand. The Silver section is again manipulated by professional operators in the face of heavy arrivals.

At the opening Forward Silver was quoted at Rs. 183-4 and declined at Rs. 183-2 under scattered selling. At this level there was renewed buying and the market advanced at Rs. 183-12. Ready Mint Silver was quoted at Rs. 184-4 while Spot bullion placed at Rs. 183-6.

Nam which had been under severe attacks for several days was relieved in consultation with the Centre, hedge selling but rallied at Rs. 108-11 in sympathy with improvement in Silver. Ready Gold was quoted at Rs. 108-11 and Sovereigns were placed at Rs. 74-12.

Final closing quotations were as under:—

Ready Silver	183	0	0
Forward	183	6	0
Ready Gold	108	6	0
Forward	108	6	0

INDIAN STOCK EXCHANGE

BOMBAY, Dec. 12.

Tata Ordinary	362	4
Tata Deferred	1880	0
Indian Iron	31	15
Steel Corpn. of Bengal	22	14
Bombay Dyeing	1032	8
Central India	265	8
Gokak	248	8
Kohinoor	343	0
Simplex	274	0
Swadeshi	318	0
Tata Power	1617	8
Associated Cement	176	0
Belapur	283	0
Bombay Burma (Old)	493	12
Scindia	16 9	6
Central Bank	77	8
New India	67	8
Tata 2nd Pref.	138	4

GOVERNMENT LOANS

Bombay, Dec. 13.

2-1/2% 1954	98	13	0
2-1/2% 1955	99	8	0
2-1/2% 1961	96	3	0
2-3/4% 1960	98	8	0
2-3/4% 1962	98	4	0
3% 1970	94	0	0
3% 1986 Con.	93	2	0
3% 1951/54	101	4	0
3% 1953/55	101	8	0
3% 1957	100	7	0
3% 1959/61	99	13	0
3% 1963/65	98	15	
3% 1963/65	98	2	0
3% 1966/68	98	0	0
3% 1070/7/	97	15	0
3-1/2% 1954/58	103	14	0
4-1/2% 1955/60	109	2	0
4-1/2 p. c. 1955/60	109	5	0
4% 1958/68	112	4	0
PROVINCIAL LOANS			
3% Bombay 1962	99	2	0
3% Bombay 1960	99	4	0
2-3/4% U.P 1961	96	12	0
2-3/4% Madras 1961	96	12	0
3% Bombay 1955	100	8	0
3% Bombay 1958	100	4	0
3% Punjab 1952	101	8	0
3% Madras 1952/53	100	6	0
3% U.P. 1952	100	8	0
3% C.P. 1952	100	8	0
3% N.W.F. 1952	100	0	0
3% U.P 1961/66	99	2	0
MUNICIPAL			
3-1/4% 1977	98	12	0
4% B.P.L.	109	4	0
4% B. Municipality	109	0	0
5% B. Municipality	113	0	0
5% B Municipality 1954	112	0	0

PRODUCE MARKET

Bombay, Dec. 13.

The local Produce market was very steady today with continued enquiry and with scarcity of offerings prices are reaching higher levels. Rajkot Castorseeds were quoted at Rs. 262. Quotations in the local market were as under:—

GROUNDNUTS			
Khandesh quality	Rs.	45	4 0
December		45	2 0
Madras ready		44	14 0
January		44	12 0
Bold December		44	8 0
Bold January		44	8 0
Bold Feb.-March		44	12 0
Ready Mills Oil		24	4 0
LINSEED			
Ready		43	0 6
February-March		43	6 0
Satna Spot		42	0 0
CASTORSEEDS			
Madras ready		44	0 0
February-March		43	0 0

INDIAN COTTON FIGURES

BOMBAY, December 12.

	1950 Bales	1949 Bales
INDIAN COTTON FIGURES		
RECEIPTS (By rail & Sea) 8th December to 11th December	13297	7083
RECEIPTS (By rail & Sea) 1st September to 11th December	174645	345243
SHIPMENTS: 8th December to 11th December		
United Kingdom	750	——
Continent	——	——
China	——	——
Japan	——	——
Coast Ports	650	——
TOTAL	1400	——
SHIPMENTS: 1st September to 11th December		
United Kingdom	5750	1350
Continent	4436	18598
China	——	——
Japan	——	——
U. S. A.	3190	26325
Other Foreign Countries	946	2870
Total all Foreign Countries	14322	49143
Coast Ports	36544	17220
TOTAL	50866	66363
Transhipment in Bombay During the month of October Total	24	1007
1st September to 31st October Total	2778	1059

RESERVE BANK OF INDIA

Weekly Statement Of Affairs

BOMBAY, December 12.

The following is an Account of the Reserve Bank of India, for the week ended the 8th day of December:—

ISSUE DEPARTMENT

LIABILITIES

	Rs.
Notes held in the Banking Department	8,86,35,000
Notes in circulation	1140,25,88,000
Total Notes issued	1149,12,23,000
TOTAL LIABILITIES	1149.12,23,000

ASSETS

	Rs.
Gold Coin and Bullion:—	
Held in India	40,01,71,000
Foreign Securities	613,15,11,000
	653,16,82,000
B. Rupee Coin	59.32,79,000
Government of India Rupee Securities	436,62,62,000
TOTAL ASSETS	1149,12,23,000

Ratio of Total of A to Liabilities: 56.841 per cent.

BANKING DEPARTMENT

LIABILITIES

	Rs.
Capital paid up	5,00,00,000
Reserve Fund	5,00,00,000
Deposits:—	
(a) Government	
(1) Central Government	149,62,35,000
(2) Other Governments	12,96,34,000
(b) Banks	73,79,19,000
(c) Others	60,08,78,000
Bills Payable	5,88,42,000
Other Liabilities	10,99,75,000
RUPEES	323,34,83,000

ASSETS

	Rs.
Notes	8,86,35,000
Rupee Coin	10,18,000
Subsidiary Coin	2,16,000
Bills Purchased and Discounted:—	
Internal	25,00,000
Government Treasury Bills	2,22,86,000
Balances held abroad	210,19,21,000
Loans and Advances to Governments	2,10,00,000
Other Loans and Advances	4,40,25,000
Investments	90,48,54,000
Other Assets	4,70,28,000
RUPEES	323,34,83,000

Art Silk Yarn

BOMBAY, Dec. 13.

120 Ready Japan	8	0	0
150 Ready Japan	8	0	0
120 Ready Italy	7	2	0
150 Ready Italy	7	2	0
150 D. Box Jan.		1420	
150 D. Box Feb.		1418	

London Copra Steady

LONDON, Dec. 12.

The copra market was steadier on moderate European enquiry. Straits/D.E.I.F.M. delivered weights at £105 bid £105-1/4 asked, Philippines bulk nominally at 247-1/2 dollars and Ceylon F.M.S. R107 all per ton C.I.F December January shipments.

Coconutoil was steady. Straits in drums £159 and in bulk £149-1/2. Ceylon in drums R155 and in bulk £149-1/2 sellers December Januarv shipments.

CALCUTTA STOCK EXCHANGE

Strong And Active

CALCUTTA Dec. 13. (PTI): The market ruled strong and active round coals, jute and miscellaneous industrials and a fair turnover was put through round them. Government securities were slightly better.

The following are today's final transactions up to 3-0 p.m.:

Government securities Three per cent loan 1986 93/5 s o lots. Three per cent loan 1951-54 101/1 s o lot. Three per cent loan 1955-60 [illegible] Three per cent loan 1970-72 [illegible] s lot Four per cent loan 1960/70 108/10.

BANKS: Bharat 2/14 Hind 22/8.

COTTONS: Elgin Mills 16/12, New Victoria ordy. 2/2 Coals Amalgamated 34/4, Bengal 545, Borrea 37/4, Burrakur 14/6, Dhemo Main 16/12, Equitable 50/12 Samla 7/4 s o lot, Sendra 24/8 Standard 23 C I Coal 5/13, Kalpahari 6/16 New Beerbhoom 19/6, Sarsole 9/5 South Karanpura 26, Western Bengal 6/13.

JUTES: Anglo India 303, Barnagore 248, Budge Budge 244, Champadany 185 Delta 264, Fort Gloster 460 ex div. Kmarhatty 314, Lanedowne 214 Northbrook 20/2, Orient 234 Reliance 24/12, Gourepore 556, Nuddea 81, Presidency 6/1s.

ENGINEERINGS: Brit Building and Iron 4/14, Indian Iron 31/14, Jessop and Co. 18/11 Marshals 8.10, Steel Corp. 22/9 Kumardhubi Eng. 7/4.

MISCELLANEOUS: Burma Corp. 2/13, Consolidated Tin 1/12 Indian Copper 3/2, Angelo Bros 82/6 Alluminium Corp 7/2, Bharat Airways 2/14, BIC 9/5 Dunlop Rubber ordy. 46 s o lots, F and C Osler 5, Indian Cable 62/6, Indian National Airways 2/14, Martin Burn 16/12 National Insulated Cable 12 National Tobacco 18/15, Rohtas Industry 5/9, British Burma Petrol 1/10, Bengal Paper 49/8, Orient Paper 52/8, Shree Gopal Paper 11/12 sl. Tittaghur aper 28/13 Assam Saws 8/5, India Steamship 7/9.

SUGARS: Balrampur 7 Buland 12/10, Carew and Co. 9/9 Champaran 24, exdiv, Darbhanga 11/12 New Savan 8/6, Raza 14/12, Ramnugger Cane 15/1.

TEAS: Burmahjan 15/5 Dimakus: 46/8, Dufflaghur 35/2, Huldibaria 25/8, East India 20/6, Jaybirpara 34/10, Namburnadi 9/8, Rydak 59/8 ct, Tezpur 26/14.

AHMEDABAD STOCK EXCHANGE

(From Our Correspondent)

AHMEDABAD, December 13.

Ahmedabad stock exchange closing: Calico 321; Ambika 361/8; Arvind 864; Def. 1890; Newshorok 629; Vijay 445; Ashok 406; Atul 10/8; Marden 154; Sayaji 156/4; Bharat Suryodaya 90; Bihari 110; Bhalkuya 105.

Calico opened at 320, high 321, low 320; closed at 321; Ambika opened at 361, high 363, low 360/8. closed at 361/8; Arvind opened at 862, high 865, low 863, closed at 864; Defd. opened at 1887, high 1890, low 1885, closed at 1890; New Shorok opened at 630, high 632 low 63, closed at 629.

Market tone was good and after close of market defd. was privately quoted around 1895.

MADRAS SHARE BAZAR

MADRAS, December 13.

Following are today's quotations in the Madras stock exchange.

GOVT. OF INDIA LOANS: Three percent paper 93/- three percent 1986 93/2 three percent 1970/75 97/4 three percent 1966/68 97/14 Govt. of Travancore three percent 1952/54 101/6 Govt of Madras three percent 1956 99/15/6 three percent 1960 98/9/6.

BANKS: Travancore 13/-.

SUGARS AND BREWERIES: Deccan 17/14 Mysore 46 Travancore 6/5 Do pref 9/4.

PLANTINGS: Be Be 1/10 Blue Mountain 3/2 Chandramalai 2/9/6 Chembra 5/1 Cochin Malabar 7/14/6 Coffee Lands 10/8 Cons Coffee 19/14 Do. pref. 29/8 Coonoor Tea 24/14 Coorg Tea 7/2 Devashola 17 Highland Produce 26/12 Kailas 2/1 Kalasw 13/1 Kagpetta 21/4 Malankara 63 Midland 8/3 Do. pref. 6/9 Nilaneergundi 5/2 Nilgiri Tea 11/2 Nonsuch Tea 34 Ouchterlony 7/8/6 Peemade 58/8 Peninsular 6/1 Periakarwmalai 37 Pullangode 2/3 Puthuthottam 4/9 Rajagiri 6/8 Giri pref. 7/6 Sheverov 1/7 Tagavar Tea 6/3 Teekoy 3/14 Thirumbadi 3/6/6 T R. and T Co. 7/14 Do pref United Nilgiri 230: Waterfall 3/5/6.

TEXTILES: Balasubramania 47 Bang Woollen 275 Buckingham 144 Do. pref. 190 Cambodia 12/12 Coimbatore CM 1/2 Dhanalakshmi 167/8 Janardhana 86 Lakshmi 85/8 Madura 36/10 Mettur 385 Mysore Silk Filiture 4/3 Mysore Spun 8/2 Pankaja 91 Radhakrishna 151 Rajalakshmi 92/8 Ranga Vilas 58 Trav Rayons 5/2 Trichinopoly 14/4 Vasant 133/4.

MISCELLANEOUS: Andhra Cement 72 India Cement 15/14 FACT 6/14 Mettur Chem. 5/14 Do. pref. 91 Mysore Chem. Fert 9/8 Paper 12/12 Parry 50 Spencer 12/14.

Paris Bourse Steady

PARIS, Dec 12.

Although business was reduced to an absolute minimum, a steady undertone was apparent and a good number of issues were marked up including Canadian Pacific and Royal Dutch. Among domestic issues irons and steels were favoured. French rentes displayed better tendencies.

Brussels Stocks Higher

BRUSSELS, Dec. 12.

Forward dealings were marked by rising confidence in the international political scene. Most of the list however finished around the previous levels with prices slightly higher on balance. Cash trading showed a more mixed trend. Collieries and electricities were markedly irregular and showing net losses while colonials were firm and plantations quiet well held.

AMERICAN MARKETS

COMMISSION HOUSE LIQUIDATION IN N. Y. COTTON

Wall Street Market Irregularly Lower

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.

The generally lower opening under the leadership of current crops was attributed to commission house liquidation and hedge selling prompted by the continued uncertainties regarding price controls.

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In the afternoon old crops eased sharply on renewel of liquidation based partly on prospects of early action on price control together with possibilities of cease fire order in Korea. On the other hand lower priced new crops continued to attract support. The Market close steady with sales 300000 bales.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS

	N. Y.	N. O.
December	41.43	41.38 bid
March	41.38	41.23
May	40.92	40.91
July	40.40	40.46
Middling spot	42.63	41.40

New York Cotton March Highest 40.74 at 11.54 Lowest 40.34 at 14.47 hours.

Alexandria Cotton

ALEXANDRIA, Dec. 12.

KARNAK	ASHMOUNI
Jan. 121.45+05	Dec. 119.90+175
Mar. 124.30—05	Feb. 120.70+ 05
May 124.70—35	Apr. 121.60—25
Jul. 125.10—65	Jun. 121.40— 30

WALL STREET MARKET

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.

Trading was occasionally active including a good deal of switching but price tendencies were mostly inconclusive. Many are awaiting fresh developments on the domestic, economic and international political fronts. Price changes either way were mainly fractional with losses in small majority. At noon the averages were industrials 299.97 and rails 74.05. A further rally soon petered out and there was a mild recession from the best Oils led an extension of advance that carried prices to predominance or gains mostly upto a dollar or so. Buyers were encouraged by the proposal in the United National to arrange a cease fire in Korea and failure of material pressure to develop in the wake of the recent advances but they were cautious about actually extending commitments. Profit-taking latterly increased particularly in rails and reversed the market's direction. The market closed mostly upto dollars irregularly lower on an irregular note.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS

American Telephone and Telegraph	152-3/4
Amerex Holding	43-1/2
Anaconda Copper	37-5/8
Chase National Bank	36-1/2
Firestone Tyre	74-1/2
General Electric	48-1/2
General Motors	45-3/4
Ingersoll Rand	74
International Nickel	36
National City Bank	45-1/2
New York Central Railroad	17-5/8
Sinclair Oil	31-5/8
Socony Vacuum	24-3/4
Texas Co.	77
Union Carbide	54-1/8
U. S. Smelting	55
U. S. Steel Common	39-3/4
Western Union	43

Total number of shares which changed hands during the day was 2,140,000. The highest and lowest U.S. Steel trading prices were 40-1/8, 39-3/4 respectively.

N.Y. Pepper Market Dull

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.

Black pepper sagged in a dull market. Moderate dealer and grinder inquiries were reported at prices somewhat below sellers price ideas. Spot offered at 155, afloats at 152, December shipment at 148, first half of January shipment at 141, January shipment at 139, January to February shipment at 136, January to March shipment at 132. Indian advices continue firmly held above New York levels.

Following are today's closing prices:—

Spot 155 asked. Old and new contracts: December 160. January 155, February 152 and March 142 all nominals. White spot 275 asked.

London Pepper Quiet But Steady

LONDON, Dec. 12.

The pepper market held steady but quiet. Black Lampong December shipment was 10 sh. 6d., White Muntok 17 sh. 7-1/2d. shipping weight and White Sarwak 18 sh. 1-1/2d. delivered weight per pound c.i.f. basis ports. Malabar afloat was 1,325 to 1,400 shillings, December 1,220, January 1,160 and March 1,110 shillings per cwt c.i.f. U. K.

N.Y. Silver Sales

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.

Silver open market turnover was again 125,000 ounces at unchanged 80-1/4 cents per ounce.

Drastic Decline On Amsterdam Exchange

AMSTERDAM, Dec 12.

A drastic decline in Royal Dutch set in motion an easier trend in which all main sections participated Royal Dutch lost 10 points on the day finishing at 291-5/8 after being down to 290 on recurring rumours of a new issue.

LONDON STOCK MONEY MARKET

BOMBAY, December 13.

B. C. Rates T. T. D.D. 1/5 15/15 Ready.

B. C. Rates T. T. D. D. 1/5 29/32 up to 6 Months.

London Banks Selling T. T. D. D. 1/5 31/32 Ready.

London Banks Selling T. T. D. D. 1/5 15/16 up to 6 Months.

London Banks Buying T.T. 1/6 1/32 to 9th Month.

London Banks Buying T.T. 1/6 1/16 10th-12th Month.

London Banks Buying D.D. 1/6 1/16 to 4th Month.

London Banks Buying D.D. 1/6 3/32 5th and 6th Month.

London Banks Buying D.D. 1/6 1/8 7th-9th Month.

London Banks Buying 60 and 90d/st. 1/6 1/8 to 4th Month.

London Banks Buying 60 and 90 d/st. 1/6 5/32 5th and 6th Month.

London Banks buying 60 and 90 d/st 1/6 3/16 7th-9th Month.

London Banks Buying 120 d/st 1/6 5/32 to 4th Month.

London Banks Buying 120 d/st 1/6 3/16 5th and 6th Month.

London Banks Buying 120 d/st 1/6 7/32 7th-9th Month.

New York B. C. Rate T. T. D. D. Rs. 478-1/4 Montreal Rs. 460.

Banks Selling T.T. D.D. Rs. 477-1/2 Montreals Rs. 459-1/4.

Banks Buying T.T. Rs. 475 Montreal Rs. 449-3/4.

Banks Buying D. D. Rs. 472-1/2 Montreal Rs. 447-1/2.

Banks Buying D.D. Rs. 473-3/4 L/C Montreals Rs. 448-1/4.

Paris Banks Selling T.T. Fcs. 7250.

Paris Banks Buying T.T. Fcs. 7500.

Amsterdam Banks Selling T.T.D.D. Fl. 79.

Belgium Banks Selling T.T.D.D. Fcs. 1033.

Switzerland Banks Selling T.T.D.D. Fcs. 90 1/4.

Java Banks Selling T.T.D.D. Glds. 79.

Hongkong Banks Selling T.T.D.D. Rs. 83 1/4.

Singapore Banks Selling T.T.D.D. Rs. 157.

Manila Banks Selling T. T. D. D. Rs. 238 3/4.

New York/London Cross Rate dol. 2.79 7/8 to 2.80 1/8.

London/Alexandra Cross Rate Pia 97 1/4-3/4; London/Amsterdam Cross Rate Fl. 10.63-65; London-Bangkok Cross Rate Tel. 35, London/Belgium Cross Rate Fcs. 139.90-140.10; London/Denmark Cross Rate Kr. 19.32-36; London/Hong Kong Cross Rate 1/2 27/32-1/2 15/16; London/Iran Cross Rate Rl. 89.40-91.00; London/Java Cross Rate F

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Elected Legislatures Demanded

REPRESENTATION OF PART C STATES

DEBATE ON BILL IN PARLIAMENT

NEW DELHI, December 13. (P.T.I.).

MOST of the non-official speakers in Parliament today demanded elected legislatures for the Centrally-administered Part C states. They were speaking on the Law Minister Dr. B. R. Ambedkar's motion for consideration of the Representation of the People (Amendment) Bill which sought to provide for the representation of Part C states in the Council of States (Upper House of Parliament)

Dr. Ambedkar said that the House had to proceed on the hypothesis that no legislative assemblies were likely to be brought into being in Part C states by the time the election took place. It was proposed in the bill that the council electorate in Part C states should consist of members of the existing local bodies and matriculates or persons holding equivalent qualifications. In Manipur and Tripura, however, the representation would be by nomination.

The Fourth Schedule of the constitution had provided one seat jointly to Manipur and Tripura, Bilaspur and Himachal Pradesh and Ajmer and Coorg. As Bilaspur and Himachal Pradesh were contiguous, the two would be amalgamated into one electorate while the representation for Manipur and Tripura and Ajmer and Coorg would be by rotation every two years.

CLUMSY AND UNPOPULAR

Pandit Mukut Bihari Lal Bhargava (Ajmer) said it was Government's duty to sponsor legislation for setting up elected legislatures and a suitable form of responsible government in Part C states. The British Government had its own reasons for "keeping those areas groaning under the crushing weight of autocracy" but the present Government of India should not perpetuate the conditions prevailing there.

Prof K. I. Shah described the bill as "clumsy and unpopular" and said the educational qualification proposed would deny the right of representation to a large portion of the population of Part C states

Mr. Arun Chandra Guha said that the tribal people of Tripura and Manipura had their own local democratic bodies and these should be used for creating the electorate.

VINDHYA PRADESH

Mr. H. V Kamath, who moved reference to select committee, said that Vindhya Pradesh "by an irony of fate and a strange conspiracy" had been relegated to a position where the people had no voice in the administration.

Captain Awadesh Pratap Singh (Vindhya Pradesh) said that Vindhya Pradesh was denied responsible government on the plea that there were factions in the Congress there But what about similar factions in states like Madras, Bengal and Uttar Pradesh? he asked.

Pandit Thakurdas Bhargava said that under the bill Bilaspur could never have real representation

Mr. M. C. Reddy (Hyderabad) pleaded for responsible government in Hyderabad.

The debate will be resumed tomorrow.

Bills Introduced

The Finance Minister, Mr. C. D. Deshmukh, introduced in parliament today the State Financial Corporations Bill which seeks to enable state governments to establish state financial corporations.

The bill was introduced, it is explained, at the request of the state governments who wished that corporations on the lines of the Central Industrial Finance Corporation set up in 1948. The Central Industrial Finance Corporation was set up in order to provide medium and long-term credit to industrial undertakings which falls outside the normal activities of commercial banks.

The share capital of a State Corporation shall be fixed by the state government concerned but shall not exceed Rs. two crores. The issue of shares to the public will be limited to 25 per cent of the share capital.

The corporation will be authorised to issue bonds and debentures for amounts which together with the contingent liabilities of the corporation shall exceed five times the amount of the paid-up share capital and the reserve fund of the corporation.

The bill authorises a corporation to make long-term loans to industrial concerns and to guarantee loans raised by industrial concerns which are repayable within a period not exceeding twenty-five years.

NURSING COUNCIL ACT

The Health Minister, Rajkumari Amrit Kaur, introduced a bill seeking to provide, pending extention of the Indian Nursing Council Act to Part B states, that a nursing qualification, granted by an authority in a Part B state and recognised on December 31, 1947 by a Nursing Council in any state to which the act extends, may continue to be a recognised qualification for the purpose of registration in that state.

The Rehabilitation Finance Administration had so far sanctioned loans amounting to Rs. 93 lakhs to displayed persons from East Pakistan. In reply to Mr. A. C. Guha, the Finance Minister further disclosed that the overhead charges including pay allowances T. A. and other expenses incurred by the administration so far amounted to Rs. 24 lakhs.

In reply to a short notice question by Mr. H. V. Kamath, on food situation in Madhya Pradesh, Mr. Satyanarain Sinha, Minister of Parliamentary Affairs, said on behalf of the Food Minister that the state had been allotted 18,000 tons of foodgrains recently. About 3,000 tons had already moved and the movement of the balance had also been programmed and would be completed before the end of the month.

It is understood that the Government of India have declined to entertain the memorandum submitted by the Maharaja of Baroda to the Government of India challenging the merger of his State in Bombay.

RELEASE 19 DETENUS

Calcutta High Court Directive

CALCUTTA, December 13 (PTI): The Calcutta High Court today held the detention of 19 security prisoners, now confined in different jails in West Bengal as illegal and directed their immediate release.

The prisoners ordered to be released are among the 90 detenus who had challenged the validity of their detention under the Preventive Detention Act.

Passing the order Mr. Justice Sen and Mr Justice Chundr observed that they were of the opinion the detention of these 19 persons whose cases had so far been heard, was illegal. Their Lordships, therefore, directed the Chief Secretary of the Government of West Bengal and Superintendents of respective jails in which they were confined to release these prisoners forthwith. The judgment of the Court, they added, would follow later.

The 19 detenus ordered to be released include a Communist member of the West Bengal Assembly, Mr. Jyoti Basu.

The cases of the remaining petitioner-detenus will be heard later.

RAID: The Special Branch police on Tuesday night raided a students' lodging home at Masulipatam and seized a huge quantity of Communist literature. The police it is learnt, also unearthed some information regarding "Communist party organisation".

RURAL CREDIT FOR 15 MONTHS

Reserve Bank Bill Report

The select committee, which reported on the bill further to amend the Reserve Bank Act, has recommended that the period during which financial accommodation will be provided by the Reserve Bank for rural credit should be extended from twelve to fifteen months.

The committee feel that although twelve months may be normally sufficient for the purpose of finance of seasonal agricultural operations, certain crops such as sugarcane take longer to mature and market. The committee, therefore, has provided in the bill that there should be no legal bar in the way of the Reserve Bank providing finance for a period longer than twelve months.

The report of the committee which was presented to parliament today by the Deputy Speaker, Mr. M. Ananthasayanam Ayyangar, does not contain any changes which necessitate the bill being circularised.

CO-OPERATIVE BANKS

The committee further recommended that the Reserve Bank should be empowered to call for returns from state co-operative banks whether such banks have transactions with the Reserve Bank or not. The relevant amendment in the bill has been accordingly made.

The period prescribed in the bill for submission of returns by scheduled banks to the Reserve Bank has been extended from two working days to five days.

Three minutes to dissent have been appended to the report by Prof. K. T. Shah, Chaudhuri Ranbir Singh, and by Messsrs. A. C. Guha, Mahavir Tyagi, Upendranath Burman and Ramnath Goenka.

Prof. Shah in his dissenting minute says that "in order to secure greater facility of financing agricultural credit operations, it is necessary that the Imperial Bank of India should be nationalised".

Only Fear Can Check Russia, U. S. Believes

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13, (PTI-Reuter): Twenty-five United States scientists and other public figures have called for universal military service "against the day when Russia no longer fears the atom bomb."

In the first statement by a newly formed committee on the present danger, Mr. James B Conant President of Harvard University, and the 24 other committee members yesterday said "The hour is at hand when our country must mobilise its manpower and resources on a scale great enough to meet the real and present danger and that scale is very great indeed."

The group which included America's World War II scientific chief, Dr. Vannever Bush, said Russia's fear that its strategic centres might be atom bombed had been the chief reason it had not moved against Western Europe.

"Radical improvement in defence against air attack together with growing ability of the Soviet Union to produce atom bombs is progressively weakening the effectiveness of this restraint," the committee's statement said.

Among the members besides Mr. Conant and Dr. Bush were Mr. Julius Ochs Adler, General Manager of The New York Times, Mr. Robert Patterson former Secretary of War Mr. Robert E Sherwood, author and playwright, and Mr. Will L Clayton former Under-Secretary of State.

Britain To Double Food Purchases

OTTAWA, Dec. 13 (PTI-Reuter): Britain is preparing to double the dollars available for food purchases in Canada next year, mostly bacon, cheese and apples.

If agreement can be reached and this is expected next week Britain's purchases of Canadian foodstuffs excluding wheat may total sixty million dollars in 1951 compared with thirty million dollars this year.

EX-ARMYMEN'S EVICTION NOT UNAUTHORISED

Military Authorities' Version

BOMBAY, December 13.

SEVERAL misleading accounts have recently appeared in the press in Bombay regarding the eviction of unauthorised occupants of buildings, state the local Military authorities, who have issued a press note in this connection.

There are a number of unauthorised ex-servicemen in Bombay living in Government hired or owed accommodation. These ex-servicemen were allotted this accommodation when they were in service and failed to vacate the same on release from the Service. This accommodation is required for the serving personnel of the Armed Forces stationed in Bombay. There is an acute shortage of accommodation, and there is a long waiting list. In several cases, officers who have been in Kashmir or serving in other non-family stations, some of whom are displaced persons, are put to considerable handship, having to remain on this waiting list as long as six months or more.

These unauthorised occupants, in most cases, have been occupying Service accommodation for the last four years. The total amount of damage due from unauthorised occupatiants in different towns, including Bombay, Calcutta and Lucknow, amounts to about Rs. 10 lakhs. The damages assessed represent only the amount of rent and allied charges. No rent has been recovered from them as this is against law.

EVICTION ACT

As this accommodation was urgently required, the Government of India passed the Government Premises Eviction Act 1950 early this year. Before the carrying of the evictions, the Government of Bombay were approached for finding alternative accommodation for these ex-servicemen. They pointed out that although no accommodation was available in Bombay, some could be allotted Government accommodation in Sholapur. This has been intimated to all unauthorised occupants. No action to evict was taken as it was considered that ex-servicemen should not be put to difficulty during the monsoon period. These ex-servicemen had ample time to make their own arrangements after the Act was passed. Notices were served in June '50, and these occupants were given full opportunity to appeal to the Government of India against eviction. In most cases these unauthorised occupants did appeal. A stay order was issued until the final ruling from the Government of India was received. On receipt of this ruling, a further seven days' warning was given; after which, with the help of the local civil Police, eviction is being carried out.

The local authorities, in carrying out the orders of the Government in evicting unauthorised occupants, are not adopting any unauthorised methods or using threatening language. The civil Police are always present when these evictions are carried out, and any action required in the maintenance of law and order is taken by them.

From this, it would appear that these ex-sericemen had been given ample opportunities to find their own accommodation and that accommodation is urgently required for the welfare of serving personnel.

CONGRESS SUCCESSES IN EAST NEPAL

DARJEELING, Dec. 13. (PTI): It was learnt from Nepal Congress sources here that Parsupatinagar Gorkhey and Pikhal in East Nepal have been captured by Congress volunteers. These sources claimed that the Nepal Congress had established provisional civil administration in those places.

BALANCED NAVY FOR INDIA'S DEFENCE

Centre's Ten-year Plan Prepared

NEW DELHI, Dec. 13 (PTI).

THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA have prepared a ten-year plan for having a balanced navy for defence of the Indian coast.

This was disclosed in Parliament today by Major-General Himatsinghji, Deputy Minister (Defence) in reply to Dr. R. S. Singh.

"The progress of the plan", said the Deputy Minister, "depends on finances, and ships and equipments which we can get from abroad".

He said that adequate facilities did not exist at present in India for imparting all the training necessary for naval aviation personnel. Part of the training was carried out in India and for the rest the Government were dependent on the United Kingdom.

The Government of India had fully realised that they should have a balanced navy for defence of the coast and therefore they had prepared a ten-year plan. They had a plan for giving training in aeronautical engineering. The plan had to be modified because of lack of equipments. The United Kingdom Government wanted equipments for their own use in view of the change in the world situation.

There were, he said, two types of training in respect of naval aviation personnel—one basic training which was done in India and the other operational training which was done in the United Kingdom. The total training period was two years. Ten officers were sent to the U.K. in March 1949.

SCHEDULED CASTES

Mr. C. Rajagopalachari said in Parliament today that the criterion for treating a caste as Scheduled Caste in 1936 as it was in 1950 was the same, namely, that the caste should not only be backward educationally and economically but should be subjected to social disabilities based on the system of untouchability.

The Minister gave this as a reason for the inclusion of certain castes in the President's notification listing Scheduled Castes while dropping out many.

Replying to Mr. Velayudhan, the Minister said that if a mistake was committed in applying this criterion in 1936 it should not follow that the mistake should be continued. He said that many new castes were added also which were not in the 1936 list. In Madras one new caste had been included, in Bombay four, in Uttar Pradesh six, in the Punjab seven, in Bihar two and in Orissa forty new castes had been listed as Scheduled Castes

POINT-FOUR PLAN

The Finance Minister, Mr. Chintaman Deshmukh, informed Parliament today in reply to Mr. M Rathnaswamy that United States assistance to India under the Point-Four programme would approximately be one and quarter million dollars. The Finance Minister said that the Government of India expected tentatively this amount as the result of the bilateral agreement now under negotiation. The appropriation made by the Government of United States under the Point-Four programme would be allocated partly to the United Nations specialised agencies for an expanded technical assistance scheme and the balance would be available for direct assistance. In both cases the assistance would be only for the services of technical experts and for training qualified trainees and ancillary equipment.

The requirements for which request for assistance under bilateral agreement was proposed to be made were still under the consideration of the Government.

The Finance Minister said that individuals would be sent to United States for training in many branches and American experts would be invited here. It depended upon the agreement on the final programme. The technical assistance anticipated under the Point-Four programme would be "complimentary" to the Colombo plan. The Government of India had sent a list of 150 trainees to be trained in United States under the plan but actual figures would be smaller.

CIVIL DEFENCE SYSTEM

Mr. C. Rajagopalachari told Mr. Sivaprakasam that the whole question of civil defence measures in India was under Government's examination.

The Minister added that the Government did not consider that the disturbed conditions on the frontiers of India by themselves necessitated the setting up or augmentation of civil defence measures.

The total expenditure incurred in the police action in Hyderabad in 1948 has been divided equally between the State and the Government of India, said Mr. C. Rajagopalachari in Parliament today in reply to a supplementary question by Mr. Mahavir Tyagi.

The Minister told Prof. K. T. Shah that it was not in the public interest to disclose the total amount expenditure incurred in the action.

TRANSMITTERS

Mr. R. R. Diwakar, Minister of State for Information and Broadcasting, said in Parliament today that a fifty kilowatt medium wave broadcasting transmitter was proposed to be installed in Calcutta and would go in the air by next year.

Replying to Dr. R. S. Singh he said that the estimated capital expenditure on installation was Rs. 4,35,000. The eight-year plan for development of broadcasting contemplated installation of such transmitters at Bombay Madras, Calcutta, Delhi and Allahabad.

The Minister told Dr. M. V. Gangadhara Siva that the quesion of installing a broadcasting station at Cuddappah or Chittor to serve Rayalaseema could be considered only when the new plan of development was taken in hand.

RULING FAMILIES AND CENTRAL SERVICES

38 Cases Sponsored

Mr. Rajagopalachari told Mr. H. V. Kamath that the Government of India were examining the possibility of utilizing the services of members of the ruling families in appropriate capacities where the required qualifications and experience so warranted. The States Ministry accordingly sponsored the cases of thirty-eight such persons for recruitment to the Indian Administrative Service and other Central Services and their cases were now under the consideration of the Special Recruitment Board.

He said that there was no question of any difference in salary or emoluments for these recruits. The Special Recruitment Board had been set up not merely for the purpose of selecting these candidates. Thirty-six of them had gone through the preliminary process of selection.

ASSAM'S REQUEST

Mr. C. Rajagopalachari informed Mr. H. V. Kamath that the Assam Government had asked for a grant of Rs. 347 lakhs from the Government of India and the matter was under "active consideration" of the Central Government.

The Minister was referring to the relief measures in Assam for earthquake victims.

He said that the nature of magnitude of the agricultural problem created by the earthquake had not yet been properly assessed.

The Government of Assam had ordered the agricultural staff and the land record staff to tour the affected areas and assess the extent of damage suffered by the cultivable land and the standing crops.

The question of rehabilitating the entire population in the areas which had been badly affected by the changing courses of the rivers in some other highlands was engaging the attention of the Assam Government and comprehensive plans for that purpose had already been prepared.

The Government of Assam had also submitted a long-term plan for the relief and rehabilitation of the earthquake and flood victims. This plan was under examination.

IN A CHINA SHOP

By Taurus

I have received a letter from a reader who has evidently missed this column in the past week and wants to know why and to provide against these gaps. All this is rather flattering but I would be quite content to take it all for granted and not receive letters which draw pointed attention to my absence. Nothing can be more troublesome in a newspaper office than a feeling that somebody is not doing his or her bit, and we generally try to escape this kind of attention. However, the tyrant of this joint—our foreign expert himself—has been letting out comments on the letter which have attracted all those who have not read it, and definitely there is trouble brewing.

But that apart, the suggestion is that something should be written in reserve for the days when I am absent or unable to write. Now this is what I call a really bright idea and I would ask the writer of the letter to try being funny every day of the week, bar Sundays. The column does not appear because the funny side is not very visible on these days. And, if you want to know why, then in the good old Latin phrase "Circumspice" (Look around you). In a word, I am fed up. In the circumstances, to ask me to be humorous—well, it is like the man in the car, who on being told that there was no petrol to take him forward on his journey, promptly asked the driver to drive back home. Moreover, if I cannot be funny every day, it is rather asking a lot that I should have overdoses of it on some particular days to compensate for the slack days.

It would be well if it was clearly understood that the only reason for my not writing all these days is that I was not able to. This may not continue to be the reason in future but it would be quite wrong to think that I am off the column from laziness.

All this looks very like feeding a dog on its tail but any explanation of why I did not do this or that must necessarily involve this feat. Now that this little business has been cleared to everybody's satisfaction, there should be no difficulty in incidental gaps and resumptions. In the words of the old song, There'll always be a Taurus and a China Shop.

Rent Concession For Surat Villages

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

A reduced limit of rent at five times the assessment as also cash-rent system, in place of crop-share system, were in force in the Vyara, Songadh, Mangrol and Mahuwa Talukas of the Surat District when territorial changes took place in October last. As a result of these changes, certain villages were added to, and excluded from, these talukas. It has been represented to the Government that the landlords in the villages which were formerly part of these four talukas, and which have now been excluded therefrom and form part of other talukas to which the concessions of reduced limit of rent and cash-rent system are not applicable, demand rent at higher rates and deny tenants the concession of reduced limit of maximum rent equal to five times the assessment under the plea that such villages are no longer in talukas to which such concession was extended.

The Government would, therefore, like to make it clear to all concerned that the concessions of reduced limit of maximum rent and cash-rent system are continued in favour of the tenants of lands situated in the villages, which were formerly included in Vyara, Songadh, Mangrol and Mahuwa talukas and excluded therefrom and now form part of other talukas, and that they are not extended to the tenants of lands situated in the villages which were formerly included in other talukas and excluded therefrom and now form part of the Vyara, Songadh, Mangrol and Mahuwa talukas. In short, the relations between the landlords and the tenants will remain the same notwithstanding any territorial changes unless they are altered in accordance with the provisions of the Bombay Tenancy and Agricultural Lands Act, 1948.

Validity Of Baroda's Merger Challenged

MAHARAJA'S MEMORANDUM TO PRESIDENT

NEW DELHI, Dec. 13 (PTI).

THE MAHARAJA OF BARODA, H.H. Sir Pratapsinhrao, has submitted a memorandum to the President of the Indian Union, Dr. Rajendra Prasad, challenging the validity of the complete merger of Baroda State into Bombay.

In a seven-page printed memorandum submitted to the President on December 7, the Maharaja has said that the constitutional developments in Baroda State had affected his rights, powers and preorgatives. Irregularities and legal and constitutional wrongs "detrimental to the interests of Baroda State and its people" had been committed. These could not be justified by any constitutional authority or on grounds of national expediency and the President should therefore, correct the position.

The Maharaja, in his memorandum, has challenged the validity of Article one of the Constitution in its application to Baroda and also Sections 290-A and 290-B of the Government of India Act of 1935.

The Maharaja, in his memorandum, has stated that the Instrument of Accession signed by him had stipulated that he was not committed to the acceptance of the future Constution of India and in fact he had not so far agreed to it. The agreement of March 21, 1949 signed by him only provided for the administration of his State, as a separate entity, by or under the authority of the Dominion Government and not for the merger or integration of his State.

In conclusion, the Maharaja has asked the President that the Constitution in its application to Baroda "may be reviewed and cancelled in order to bring the situation perfectly in conformity with constitutional and legal requirements".

MUTT AND JEFF—Maybe The Old Bird Owns The Caddy House — By BUD FISHER

YOU SAY I MADE A PRETTY DRIVE THIS AFTERNOON?
WHICH ONE DO YOU MEAN?
THE ONE WHERE YOU HIT THE BALL!
SAY, THIS IS AN EXCLUSIVE GOLFCOURSE! ARE YOU MEMBERS?
MEMBERS?
NO!
I THOUGHT SO! YOU'VE BEEN TRESPASSING AND TEARING UP THE GREENS! MEMBERS PAY A THOUSAND DOLLARS A YEAR HERE-
A $1,000?
WHO ARE YOU?
I AM THE PRESIDENT OF THIS CLUB! NOW GET OUT!
O.K., O.K., WE'RE GOIN'! BUT THIS IS A HECK OF A WAY TO GET NEW MEMBERS, GRANDPA!
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